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YANGTZE INCIDENT.

Armed Guard Clears A Ship.

"EXCITEMENT" ON SHORE.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities:—
The British s.s. "Kingwo" had to be cleared of coolies yesterday by an armed guard causing "a certain amount of excitement" on shore.

Many lantern processions took place in the Concessions at Hankow on Wednesday, and yesterday to mark the end of the New Year holidays.

The situation at Hankow otherwise remains quiet with the attitude of Labour Unions remaining a doubtful and a somewhat disturbing element.

The Northern troops which, as stated previously, had concentrated on the Anhui border and were advancing from Changchow are now on their way to Chekiang. This information is despatched from Chinkiang.

CHINA AND LEAGUE.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu and His Instructions.

Geneva, Feb. 17.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu has returned to Rome after handing Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary General of the League of Nations, a copy of the Peking Note dated Jan. 31, to Britain concerning the dispatch of troops.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu claimed to have received instructions to this effect from the "Chinese Government."

Sir Eric Drummond enquired whether the "Chinese Government" desired the copy to be communicated to the members of the League but received no reply.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu said that he was returning on March 7 for the session of the Council when possibly he would have received instructions enabling him to make an official statement to the League.—Reuter.

Kuomintang Explanation.

Geneva, Feb. 17.

Discussing relations between Mr. Chao Hsin-chu and the Kuomintang, Mr. Li Sin-hui, an influential member of the Kuomintang European Executive Committee, said that Mr. Chao Hsin-chu had always been in close touch with the Nationalists, of whom he was a member fifteen years ago at Peking.

The Kuomintang did not recognize Mr. Chao Hsin-chu's official position but would always recognize all he could do for China's good.

Mr. Li Sin-hui said that it was premature to explain his own presence at Geneva.—Reuter.

SUFFOLKS LEAVE.

The Next Ships Due Here From Home.

The 2nd Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment, which embarked yesterday on the s.s. "Yasna" (which had returned to Hong Kong after conveying the 2nd Gloucesters to Shanghai), left Hong Kong for Shanghai this morning at 7 o'clock.

The next ships to arrive in Hong Kong with troops from Home are the s.s. "Minnesota" and the s.s. "Megantic." The "Minnesota" has 1,000 marines on board and the "Megantic" has the Divisional Staff and Major-General John Duncan aboard.

It is understood that officers of the Marines will be accommodated at the Sanatorium.

LITTLE LUXURIES.

Ceylon and the Troops For China.

Colombo, Feb. 2.

Much of the good work effected by the Comrades of the Great War Association is of necessity and choice done in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, says the "Times of Ceylon." The Ceylon Branch, however, has come into

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, 91/2 0/0 was 10p 01/4 per unit.

MR. CHEN TO SIGN.

Important Hankow Statement.

TROOPS AND HONG KONG.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.

A telegram from Hankow today states that a Nationalist news agency announces, authoritatively that it is denied that the O'Malley-Eugene Chen negotiations have broken down.

Mr. Eugene Chen is quoted as saying "I am ready now to sign the agreement regarding the British Concession at Hankow."

The agency adds that it is understood that the Nationalist Government views the declaration of Sir Austen Chamberlain regarding the defection of British troops to Hong Kong as the basis whereupon the Nationalists may proceed with the conclusion of the Hankow agreement.

The agency also announces that the Nationalist Government has approved of the claim for \$3,544 made by the German authorities regarding the medical hospital costs of the German business man, Mr. Burneister, who was assaulted by Chinese on February 3.—Reuter.

A SESSION'S WORK.

PROGRAMME FOR FRENCH DEPUTIES.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Feb. 17.

The Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 363 to 186 votes, rejecting an amendment by the Radical Socialists, who sought an inversion of the order of the Government's Parliamentary programme, namely (1) military reform; (2) the Budget and (3) electoral reform.

M. Poincare adhered to this order and pointed out that if the Chamber of Deputies tackled the business methodically all three measures could be dealt with at the present session.—Reuter.

MORE RAIN!

UNFAVOURABLE WEEK-END INDICATIONS.

N. E. winds, moderate; overcast, rain is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day is 42 inches. Total since January 1 2.90 inches as against an average of 2.47 inches.

the open in launching an appeal

for a supply of magazines, books and other suitable gifts for the troops now being conveyed to China. It is hardly necessary for the merits of such an appeal to be strongly stressed, as they are self-evident. It is, however, distinctly necessary for some central organisation to undertake the task of collecting and forwarding the gifts which an appreciative public is eager to give to the British soldiers and sailors now bound for China, and the Comrades of the Great War are to be congratulated on taking the initiative in this matter. It will be sufficient for the fact to be known that they are doing so to ensure a very free and generous response from the public, the spontaneity of which can be gauged from Mr. S. C. Traill's communication appearing in our correspondence columns. Life on board a troopship is a tedious and dull affair. It is not attended with the comforts and luxuries which are provided for the ordinary passenger, so that gifts of books, magazines, gramophones and gramophone records will prove a veritable boon. There is no suggestion of charity in the appeal, response to which will merely be a most satisfactory way of expressing, in tangible form, admiration for the good qualities of the British soldier, sailor and marine, and the part they play in protecting the lives and interests of British subjects throughout the Empire and in foreign territories.

GENER. L. RETREAT.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's Retreat.

FUGITIVES IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops are now in general retreat from Hangchow which the Southerners occupied without resistance.



There is no communication between Shanghai and Hangchow. There are now 10,000 of Sun's retreating Army at different points on the Shanghai-Fung Kiang Railway, which seems to indicate that no further stand will be made in Chekiang.

Eight hundred wounded troops, of which 150 are wounded, arrived in Shanghai this morning and went on to Nanking.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Sun Chuan-fang Suffers A Reverse.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

It now seems certain that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has suffered a major reverse in Chekiang, being pushed back close to Hangchow.

Reliable quarters report that

STRIKE INQUIRY.

Five Hundred Men Back to Work at Colombo.

Colombo, Feb. 17.

The Government enquiry into the strike is being completed within a week.

Five hundred men have resumed work.—Reuter.

The Nationalists have appeared at various points within 18 miles south-west of Hangchow.

The bulk of Sun's forces are apparently drawn up to the west of Hangchow for a last stand.—Reuter.

Fall Of Hangchow.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

The latest news received early this evening is that the fall of Hangchow is expected any time. It may even already have fallen. The Southerners have followed up the success reported this morning and are now within ten

FINANCE FIRST.

Then The Trade Union Law Changes.

Rugby, Feb. 17.

In the House of Commons, the Premier replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader said that the Trade Union Bill could not be introduced until the finances of the year had been disposed of.—British Wireless Service.

miles of Hangchow, where trains are standing by ready to take away officers of Sun Chuan-fang's staff and families.

Although news reaching Shanghai is meagre and scrappy, it is clear that Sun Chuan-fang is yielding ground on a fairly wide front. How far this represents a general collapse ought soon to be known.

Responsible foreign quarters here, who are in direct communication with Hangchow, believe that unless Shanghai reinforcements arrive soon, Chekiang will be lost to Sun. No Shanghai troops have been moved to Chekiang so far.—Reuter.

SPECIAL ITEMS.

Estimates Increased By \$200,000.

TO-DAY'S FINANCE VOTES.

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in the Chambers this morning.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary) presided, supported by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir Sou-sun Chow, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer (Colonial Treasurer).

The Chairman explained that it was a short agenda, the items dealing only with votes which were needed quickly.

The Chairman ran over briefly the objects and reason for each vote, given in our issue yesterday.

The sum of \$200,000 for Miscellaneous Services, the Chairman explained, was due to the crisis which formed the subject of reference in the Budget address not having come to a complete end as was hoped at the time the Estimates were framed. It was the same as the sum asked for last year.

The sum of \$1,180 for Yunnan scholarships at the Hong Kong University was fully explained in papers circulated before the meeting. It was to enable a scholar to have an extra year at the University in order to complete the medical course.

The \$8,050 asked for in connection with the building for magnetic instruments at Au Tau, New Territories, was a re-vote of money expended last year.

"Exactly, Sir."

Sir Henry Pollock said that he assumed that this was a vote in connection with the Royal Observatory. What was the reason for the building being so far from the Observatory as Au Tau?

The Director of Public Works said that this was at the request of the Director of the Royal Observatory. The instruments were entirely under his charge.

The Chairman, after glancing through the files, said that a full explanation would necessitate extremely technical language. He understood that the difficulty with regard to erection of a building nearer the Observatory was in connection with the disturbing influence on the delicate instruments of magnetic factors at such places as ship-building yards, etc.

The matter had been dealt with fully last year and, so far as his memory went, it was something to do with the variation of the latitude or the longitude of the place. [To the Hon. P.W.D.]: The Hon. D.P.W.: Exactly, Sir, something like that was it not?

The Chairman indicated that he would be pleased to pass over the files for Sir Henry Pollock's perusal. The matter was dealt with fully when the original vote was taken.

The Chairman then briefly explained, on lines already referred to yesterday, the votes on grant to the widow of Inspector Gibson who unfortunately died on the way to Hong Kong returning from leave. The sum was equivalent to one year's salary.

The sum for an embossed stamp for the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs was in connection with the removal of that Department to their new office.

With regard to the small Army Service unit (in connection with the Volunteers), for which \$1,200 was required, the General Officer Commanding had asked the Corps to form a unit and the understanding had been that such unit would be formed providing the Hong Kong Government would provide a small sum for the uniform of the unit.

All the votes were passed.

DISARMAMENT.

BRITAIN MUST CONSULT HER DOMINIONS.

London, Feb. 17.

This British Government has not yet replied to the American disarmament proposals as, unlike the other Powers, she must first consult her Dominions.—Reuter.

SEDITION VERDICT.

Attempts to Browbeat Justice.

"THREAT" OF A STRIKE.

The resumption of proceedings against the three members of the Hong Kong Chinese Seamen's Union, arrested last week on board the s.s. "President Taft" and subsequently charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with possessing and uttering seditious literature attracted a large crowd to the Magistracy this morning, the body of the Court being completely filled with Chinese, whilst a number of prominent local officials and residents were noticed in the side seats.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain, Superintendent of Police, sat beside Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, who prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

Interest was centred round the announcement that unless the men were released, i.e. unless the course of justice was interfered with, a "second general strike in Hong Kong" would be put into effect.

Following the arrest of the three defendants, a meeting was held in Canton and absurd resolutions were passed. Broadly translated, the resolution referred to the alleged interference on the part of the Hong Kong Police with certain paraphernalia belonging to the Union.

The resolution contained a veiled threat to the effect that unless the three men were released by the Hong Kong Government and "retribution" was made in the case of the "Lungshan" seaman, reprisals would be made in the form of another strike.

The Course of Justice.

As Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Police Magistrate, announced yesterday, he had received a letter from a man purporting to be the Chairman of the Union—a procedure which was most improper, and which caused his Worship to pass some caustic remarks with regard to interference with the course of justice.

The case was adjourned yesterday at the request of the third defendant who informed the Magistrate that he wished to call the Chairman of the Union to give evidence on his behalf.

At the commencement of this morning's hearing, the Police announced that they had secured the attendance of the man referred to. Duly sworn, witness said that he was the Chairman of the Union, his name being Fong Wing-woon.

Before allowing the witness to proceed with his evidence, his Worship stated:—"I should like to explain to you first of all that it is highly improper to send a letter to a Magistrate. If you wished to say anything to me, you should have come to Court, when every opportunity would have been given you to speak."

"I must also point out to you that you are not obliged to say anything in the witness box which might in any way incriminate yourself."

In reply to Mr. Lindsell, witness said that he knew the three accused, who were members of his Union. They were, in fact, officials, whose duty consisted of visiting vessels in port and securing new members for the Union.

Mr. Lindsell: How long have they been members?—The 1st and 2nd defendants have belonged to the Union for about four months. The 3rd defendant only came down from Shanghai eight days ago.

Mr. Lindsell: Do you know the book in respect of which they have been arrested and charged?—Yes. It has been issued twice a month since our Union was established. All members of the Union are entitled to contribute to it. The contents only concern seamen.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you then explain the article entitled: "Britain resorts again to massacres"?—It was not put in with any anti-British idea. The article contains facts relating to Britain.

Mr. Lindsell: "Oh No! They are all lies, not facts."—Witness: With regard to the military firing on the innocent people, we hope it won't occur again.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 14th, 1927, to THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors, F. H. CRAPPELL, Acting Secretary, Hong Kong, Feb. 5th, 1927.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hong Kong, 12th Feb. 1927.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hong Kong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary, Hong Kong, 12th Feb. 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

WITH reference to the Notice to Shareholders of this Company dated 17th September, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares made payable on 1st March, 1927, instead of 1st October, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of the Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 30th June, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 30th June, 1927.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hong Kong, 16th Feb. 1927.

NOTICES.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

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The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M.A., Oxon, Headmaster, Hong Kong, 17th Feb. 1927.

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Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary, Hong Kong, 15th Feb. 1927.

VICTIM OF DUTY.

WOMAN DOCTOR'S SAD END.

OVERWORK AND SUICIDE.

The tragedy of a brilliant career wrecked by overwork, due to self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, was brought to light at an inquest held by the Oxford coroner on Miss Ivy Collier, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Collier, of Woodstock Road, who was found dead in her bedroom with a gas tube in her mouth. Miss Collier was a brilliant doctor and surgeon. She was at a missionary hospital in India in 1924-25, and stood the climate well, but after taking a medical appointment under the Malay States Government at Kuala Lumpur in May last, she broke down.

Dr. Collier told the coroner that his daughter was quite cheerful when she went to bed. He went to bid her good-night half an hour later and she appeared to be asleep. As she did not answer his call the following morning he went to her room and found the door locked. With the help of his son, the door was forced, and Miss Collier was found lying on the hearthrug near a gas stove. She was covered by an eiderdown quilt, and a tube from the gas stove was in her mouth, the gas being turned slightly on. She had been dead five or six hours. Since being invalided from the service, through physical and mental breakdown, she had lived at home and was under the care of Dr. Good.

The coroner read a letter Miss Collier had left behind in which she said:—Mother, dearest, a few minutes ago I thought I would resist for your sake, but I think on the whole it will be easier for all if I go. You see, I can pull myself together for a while, but how long. I have enjoyed some things and I thank you for giving me life. I will make a better job next time. It is solely because we love too well that I have come to grief. Love from Ivy.

The coroner also read a letter which an intimate friend of Miss Collier's in Kuala Lumpur had written to Miss Collier's father. In this the writer said Miss Collier had broken down completely, and after the Senior Medical Officer had decided to medical board her out of the service, her remorse and sticking it out was pitiful. The writer added:—

She had been wonderful. We have simply marvelled at her grit and unselfishness as we've watched her struggling these four months against impossible odds. She blames herself bitterly for not staying, and it is dreadfully pathetic to see the way she is suffering now. She could never have stood the strain. She felt the responsibility of the lives of the people and the impossibility of doing her best for them. I am afraid you will find her dreadfully thin and very tired, but she has been through such a lot and has suffered terribly.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind, adding that she committed the act owing to her mental condition caused by overwork due to her self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

The coroner and jury expressed sincere sympathy with Dr. and Mrs. Collier and family.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 17, 1927.

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MAD BRIDE.

HUSBAND'S STARTLING DISCOVERY.

A SPECIALIST'S STORY.

How a doctor, immediately after his wedding, discovered that his bride was mad is told by Sir James Crichton-Browne, the eminent mental specialist. Sir James, who was 56 recently, and who has kept from his student days a diary, says:— "My friend, Dr. W. M. Eminent as a physician and now no more confided to me," writes Sir James, "a frightful predicament in which he found himself at the time of his marriage. He was engaged to a pretty girl, the daughter of a substantial farmer. . . .

"The ceremony took place . . . and all went merry as a marriage bell until they drove away in a post-chaise, when to his horror, he suddenly discovered that his wife was mad. The exciting events of the day had upset her mental balance. . . .

"Was he to return to the house, where festivities were still going on, and hand her over to her father? He had not the courage . . . and so he determined to go through with the honeymoon as arranged. They went on to London, and then to Paris, where they spent a fortnight, and she was mad, unobtrusively mad, all the time.

"With a heavy heart he turned his face homewards, and when crossing from Calais to Dover heard a cry of 'Man overboard.' On rushing to the stern of the vessel he saw his wife floating on the surface of the water, for these were the days of crinolines. . . .

"A boat was lowered, and his wife was rescued, half drowned, but the immersion was a turning point in her complaint. From that hour she began to improve, and gradually recovered, and when I knew her years afterwards was a happy, sensible, and devoted wife, and the mother of five children."

Bow At Venture. Sir James (says the "Daily Chronicle") quotes Sir Richard Quain as the author of another dramatic story. Sir Richard attended the wife of a North London clergyman, whose prolonged illness he could not understand.

She was assiduously nursed by her husband, and at length a suspicion crossed Quain's mind, so at his next visit he secured the beef tea that was standing by her bed. As he was leaving his house he said to the husband: "Your wife's illness is very mysterious, and I am going to have this beef tea analysed."

The husband said nothing, and committed suicide that evening. Arsenic was found in the beef tea. It was the old story of another woman and life insurance. The wife recovered, and never suspected anything.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1927.—CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	397' B. 19' 9" B.	397' B. 19' 9" B.
Tytam Bywash	293' B. 25' 4" B.	293' B. 25' 4" B.
Tytam Intermediate	377' B. Level	377' B. Level
Tytam Tuk	291' B. 23' 1" B.	291' B. 23' 1" B.
Wong Nei Chung	252' B. 19' 0" B.	252' B. 19' 0" B.
Pokfulum	194' B. 21' 5" B.	194' B. 21' 5" B.

[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow."] Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam	131.38	259.44
Tytam Bywash	1.20	.59
Tytam Intermediate	46.30	195.90
Tytam Tuk	806.60	916.42
Wong Nei Chung	6.66	10.61
Pokfulum	25.60	21.75

Total 1,017.60 1,408.71

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	218.40	226.94
Estimated Population 398,100 408,480		
per day (gallons)	17.6	17.9

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts during January, 1926.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Garden Road from January 3-30 inclusive. Full supply in all districts on January 31.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Gravitation	243' B. 14.8' B.	243' B. 14.8' B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 133' B. 13' B.		
Reception Reservoir	Level	Level

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Gravitation	147.98	217.24
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 52.76	95.71	
Reception Reservoir	—	33.15

Total 200.74 346.10

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1926	1927
Consumption	70.17	75.92
Estimated population 168,620 168,500		
per day (gallons)	14.7	16.4

Full supply in all districts during January 1926, and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

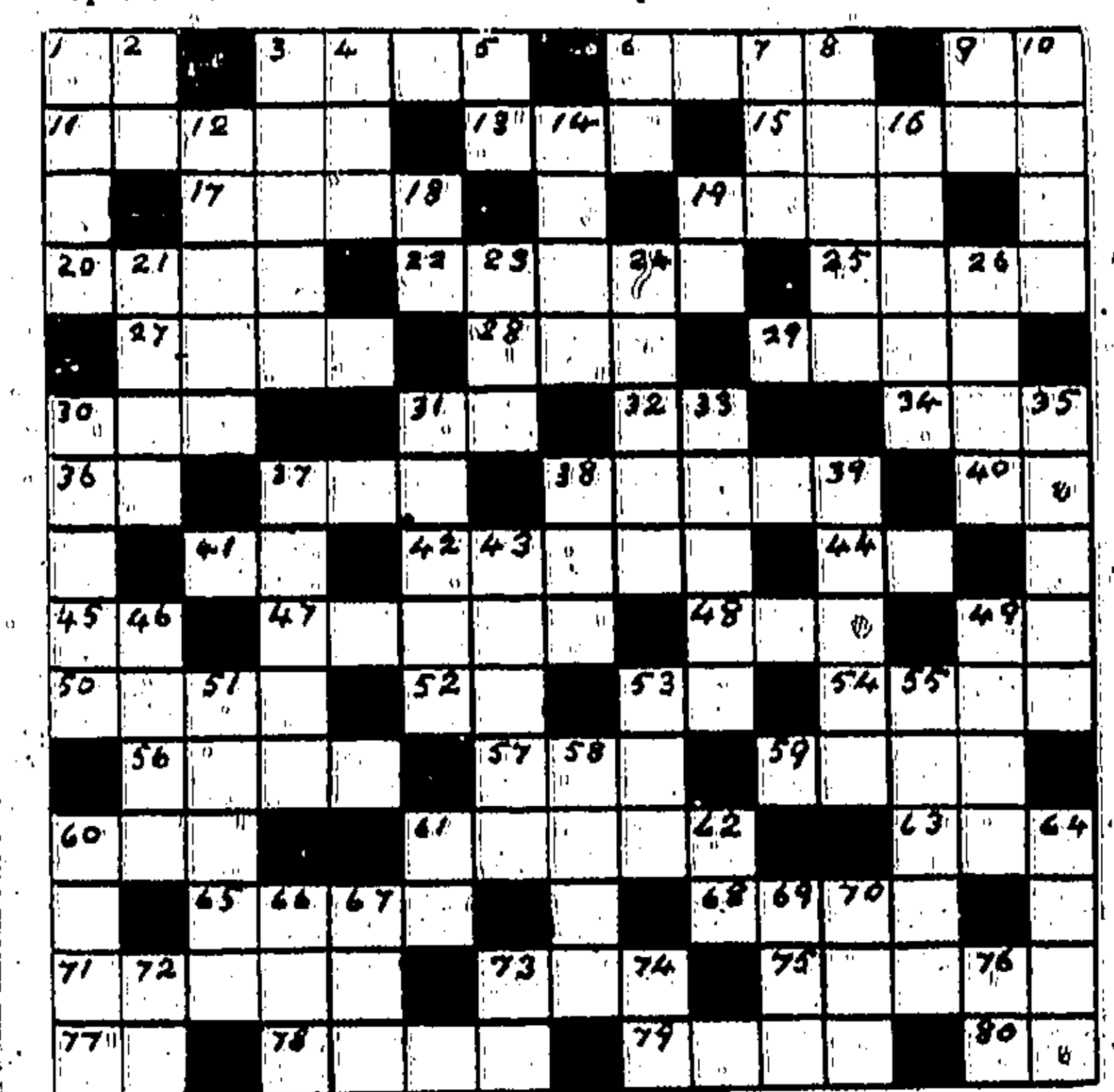
Total rainfall to January 31, 1926, 0.22; January 31, 1927, 0.31.

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HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

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SEIYO MARU Monday, 21st February.
TOKUSHIMA MARU Monday, 28th February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Saturday, 19th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 75 sea-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, this number including 26 flying the British flag.

During the 14 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 19 arrivals and 15 departures.

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Passengers landed at Hong Kong on Feb. 18, ex-P. & O. "Kalyan" from Shanghai were:—Mr. A. Dallas, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. E. Bradbury, Lt. C. Fugh, R.N., Lt. R. Nichol, R.N., Lt. A. Waring, R.N., Miss A. Diansen, Mr. F. Marshall, Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. H. Donald, Capt. J. Hunt, Mr. F. Pine, Misses L. and G. de Souza, Mr. S. Gray.

Passengers disembarked at Hong Kong on Feb. 18 from the P. & O. "Delta" from Kobe and Shanghai were:—Mr. H. V. Pearce, Mr. H. E. Shing, Mr. F. Wrinkler.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanza" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 12, at 5 p.m., and is due here tomorrow, at about 6 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on Feb. 19, p.m., and is due here on Feb. 20, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday, 8.30 a.m., left that port at 5 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Feb. 24.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here on Feb. 25.

BRITISH SHIPYARDS.

REVIEW OF REDUCED OUTPUT.

THE PROMISE OF 1927.

If it had not been for the orders for new vessels which were placed towards the end of last year shipbuilders might well be holding up their hands in absolute despair, writes Archibald Herd in the "Daily Telegraph." The figures issued to-day by Lloyd's Register of Shipping reveal that, in relation to the capacity of shipyards, which is now 20 per cent. greater than before the war, 1926 was the most disastrous experience in the memory of anyone now connected with the industry. This statement is supported by an interesting diagram which has been prepared by Lloyd's Register showing the general upward movement of production from 1883 to 1913, with, of course, the usual ups and downs, which are characteristic of this particular industry. Two years later the tonnage under construction had, owing to the influence of the war, fallen to 1,350,000 tons, and then, owing to the shortage of tonnage due to the submarine campaign, construction rose rapidly, until at the beginning of 1921 it reached the figure of 3,800,000 tons. During the past five years the decline has been rapid. In the third quarter of 1923 only 1,250,000 tons were in hand, and then fresh orders began to come in, encouraging the hope that the worst was over. But these expectations were speedily disappointed, and since June, 1924, the volume of tonnage has steadily fallen, and at the end of last year amounted to no more than 760,084 tons, with the result that shipyards were closed all round the coast and nearly half the workers were in enforced idleness. Conditions would not have reached this deplorable state, of course, if it had not been for the General Strike and the stoppage of the coal

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 19

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MONTCLARE	April 23	MONTROSE	June 24	
MONTROSE	May 13	MONTCLARE	July 15	

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Feb. 27	Mar. 1	EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 3
Mar. 20	Mar. 22	EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 24

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st of March.
HAWAII MARU Friday, 1st April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
HEINAN MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
"SHINNOH MARU" Sunday, 6th March.
*(Proceeds to Karachi).
SHUNGO MARU Saturday, 19th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
CANADA MARU Friday, 18th March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.
BINGO MARU Sunday, 27th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOSMO MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Saturday, 19th February.
TAIKWA MARU Thursday, 3rd March.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGUN MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 18th February.
JAPAN PORTS
ALASKA MARU Saturday, 19th February.
GANGES MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KAWO MARU Monday, 21st February, 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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KALYAN	9,144	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPore	5,283	14th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,233	18th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	10,904	19th March	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,174	24th April	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,156	10th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHYBER	9,175	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,233	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,006	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	10,904	23rd July	Marseilles and London

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SHIRALA	7,841	4th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
CAMBHIRA	5,257	18th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	6,949	24th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,010	31st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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* TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
ST. ALBANS	4,600	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	
TANDA	6,956	3rd June	
ST. ALBANS	4,600	1st July	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th July	

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TAKADA	6,947	6th March	Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,600	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,174	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,010	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,848	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,175	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,958	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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BRITISH SHIPYARDS.

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mines and these two events are now checking the welcome recovery, because steel in sufficient supply will not be available for two or three months.

In due course we shall have the corrected figures for the past year, but in the meantime a fairly accurate estimate of the ships launched and the ships commenced can be made from the quarterly returns for 1926 of Lloyd's Register.

	Commenced.	Gross tons.
1925.	No.	tons.
1st Quarter	74	193,121
2nd Quarter	47	168,483
3rd Quarter	28	68,327
4th Quarter	39	152,404
	188	582,335

	Launched.	Gross tons.
1925.	No.	tons.
1st Quarter	59	190,705
2nd Quarter	58	171,725
3rd Quarter	58	207,441
4th Quarter	20	67,843
	195	638,014

The Turn Of The Tide.
It will be seen that in the third quarter of last year only twenty-eight keels were laid, while fifty-eight ships were launched, which means that, while in the earlier months of the year new work, judged on a tonnage basis, had kept pace with the launchings, thirty additional slips had become empty by Sept. 30. When it is remembered that the shipyards possess about 650 slips, and that only 177 of them were occupied at that date, some conception may be formed of the tragic state into which the industry had fallen, with the dismal prospect that things might become worse before they became better.

Then the tide, fortunately, began to turn. During the final three months the amount of tonnage put in hand was more than twice as great as that which took the water, and there is now solid foundations upon which to base the prophecy that 700,000 or 800,000 tons will be begun, during the next three months. But, even when all this work has been begun, it is doubtful whether the shipyards throughout the country will be working at much more than half their capacity. These figures expose the fallacy which underlies all the talk about "a shipbuilding boom." If the ships under construction at any period of the year approach 1,000,000 tons, shipbuilders will consider themselves extremely fortunate, but they will be conscious of the fact that a real boom would mean that they would have anything from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 tons under construction. There can be no great revival in this industry until the surplus tonnage now afloat has disappeared completely, as it is fortunately disappearing at the moment, and trade and industry in this country have recovered, providing the cargoes for ships to carry.

But British shipping also fulfils international functions, and the disturbed conditions in China, Java, and elsewhere, inspired by the Communists, and the trade barriers which many foreign countries are still maintaining, must inevitably check an improvement in the shipping situation, and thus limit the volume of orders for new ships, for shipowners will not build ships unless they are assured that there will be employment for them.

The Revival Abroad.
Passing from these general considerations, the statistics for the last quarter present some interesting features. Greater activity is prevailing in the foreign shipyards, as well as in our own. Lloyd's Register remarks:

The tonnage of motor-ships building in the world which are to be fitted with internal combustion engines amounts to 905,675 tons, while the tonnage of steam vessels under construction is 1,005,224 tons. The motor tonnage is thus 90 per cent. of the steam tonnage, showing the remarkable development which is taking place in the adoption of this system of propulsion.

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Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sun., 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	MINGSANG	Sun., 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Strait and Calcutta	NAMSANG	Mon., 21st Feb., at 8 p.m.
Tientsin via S'hai & C'iao	TINGSANG	Tues., 22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Canton	HANGSANG	Tues., 22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun., 27th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Wed., 2nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
Strait and Calcutta	CHEONGSHING	Thurs., 3rd Mar., at Noon.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat., 5th Mar., at 1 p.m.
Strait and Calcutta	LAISANG	Tues., 8th Mar., at 8 p.m.
Osaka via Moji, Yama & Kobe	KUMSANG	Tues., 15th Mar., at 7 a.m.

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The total merchant tonnage building in other countries—1,172,943 tons—is about 97,000 tons more than at the end of September, 1926.

The tonnage under construction abroad exceeds, by no less than 412,859 tons the tonnage building in Great Britain and Ireland.

The figures for the leading countries abroad are: Italy 239,776 tons; Germany 211,062 tons; United States 151,635 tons; Holland 145,005 tons; and, France 143,068 tons.

No less than 271,237 tons were commenced abroad and 342,423 tons were launched, an increase, as compared with the previous quarter, of 71,210 tons in the tonnage commenced, and an increase of 163,602 tons in the tonnage launched.

Owing to various causes, many of which are not beyond our control, foreign shipbuilders are now obtaining orders which in the past would have come almost automatically to us. There was probably never a time in the history of this industry when so little work was being done in British shipyards for the shipowners of other countries, as the appended figures of work in hand here indicate:

Countries for	No. of Gross tons which intended vessels tonnage.
Great Britain and Ireland	123 592,385
British Dominions	16 44,000
Brazil	4 15,790
Equador	1 260
France	1 4,560
Holland	1 28,000
Italy	1 5,000
Jugo-Slavia	1 4,700
Norway	1 1,644
United States	3 950
Venezuela	1 2,600
Jugo-Slavia	1 4,700
Ror sale or country not stated	15 60,195

Total 158 760,084
Another disturbing factor, is that more attention is still being devoted abroad to the motor-ship, in preference to the steamer, than in this country. In this connection Lloyd's Register presents some arresting figures, indicating the larger proportion of motor-ships being built abroad than in our own shipyards:

The tonnage of vessels now building in the world which are to be fitted with internal combustion engines amounts to 905,675 tons, while the tonnage of steam vessels under construction is 1,005,224 tons. The motor tonnage is thus 90 per cent. of the steam tonnage, showing the remarkable development which is taking place in the adoption of this system of propulsion.

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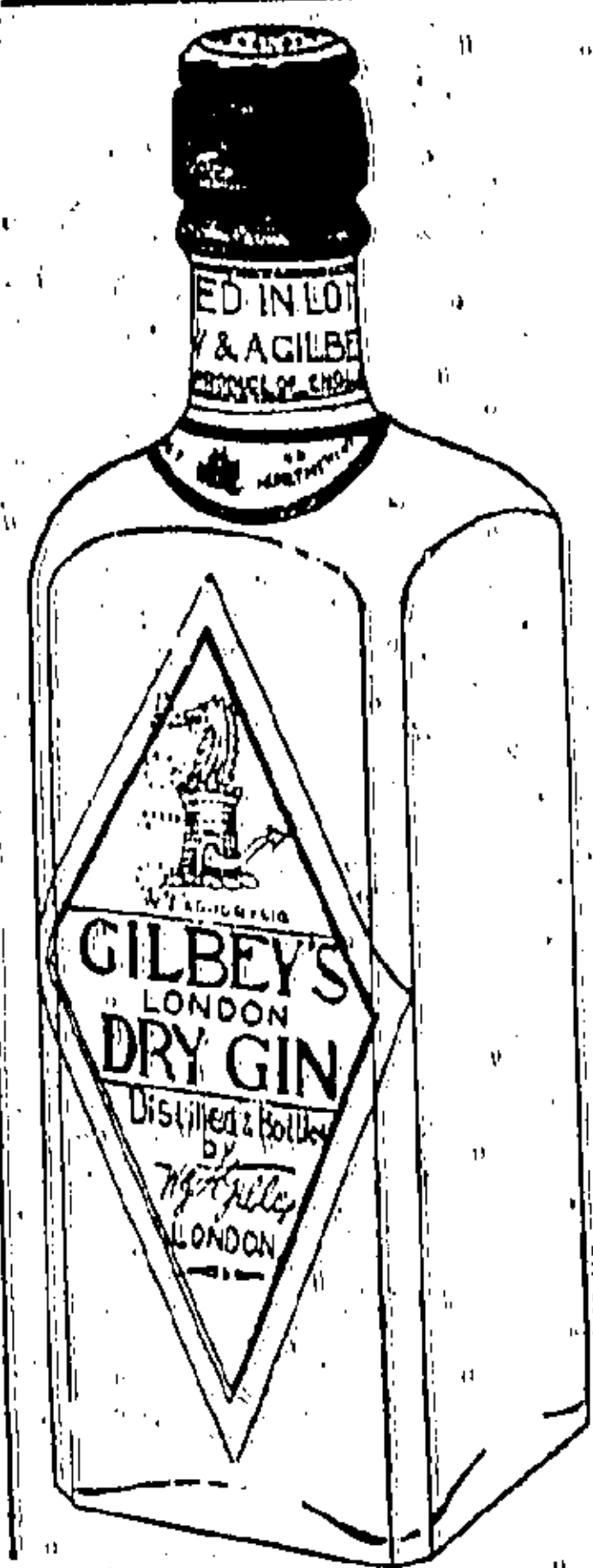
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HEALTH FIRST.

It is all to the good that the full
in Chinese affairs has been turned
to good account locally by con-
centration on public health prob-
lems. A sick man is a burden to
himself and to his neighbours.
And so is a sick community—a
community where the mortality
from certain diseases seems ex-
cessively high. In the latter case
the burden is at the same time a
common danger that must be
fought with all the weapons of
modern medical science. Certain
Government Departments may
excusably be financially starved
during a period of necessary re-
trenchment, but not so that De-
partment dealing with public
health, provided always that the
expenditure itself is wise.

If the current week's oral and
written contributions to the Col-
ony's public health problems have
done nothing else they have cer-
tainly exposed once again the fact
that progress commensurate with
the needs of the community can
never be made until such time as
the entire health administration is
placed under one central
authority. At present, as every
one knows, there is a Principal
Civil Medical Officer, whose duties
are mainly executive; there is a
Medical Officer directly answer-
able to the Sanitary Board; and
there is the Public Works Depart-
ment whose rulings as regards the
training of nullahs, the water
supply, and cognate matters can-
not be questioned by, say, the
Medical Officer of the Sanitary
Board. The objective of all—the
P.C.M.O., the M.O., and the
P.W.D.—are really the same; but

unfortunately each views the
same problems from a different
angle and executes its work on a
separate basis. This state of
affairs cannot make for co-ordina-
tion and co-operation, and still less
can it ensure tangible progress
either with the prevention of dis-
eases, the cure of diseases, or the
limiting of diseases to a certain
specified area.

Time and again within the last
four years has a plea been made
for the creation of one central
authority with sole power over
each and every detail affecting
public health. That plea has had
the unanimous support of the
Press. It has been recognised by
unofficial medical men as a step
in the right direction in safe-
guarding the health of the com-
munity. But so far it has not
been countenanced by the Govern-
ment. "It is not known whether
it has been ever considered at all
by the present regime. A cen-
tral health authority (whether
known as a Public Health Depart-
ment or a Central Health Bureau
does not matter) may not prove a
panacea for all the defects in the
existing health administration—
no scheme can be perfected with-
out a fair trial—but it would as-
suredly go far to ensure the in-
ception of a systematic campaign
against those diseases particu-
larly prevalent in the Colony. To
mention only one disease—
malaria fever—it is inconceivable
that with the creation of a central
health authority the slur would
long remain that this Colony is
three years behind the times. In
short, the whole problem of pub-
lic health would be given a recog-
nition and an administration that
is quite impossible under existing
circumstances. The sooner that
fact is appreciated by the powers-
that-be the better.

Abolition of the Submarine.

Dealing with the question of
disarmament in our issue of
yesterday, we referred at some
length to the question of the
abolition of the submarine. Some
further comments are suggested
as a result of a discussion with
certain naval experts. It will be
recalled that, following the M.I.
disaster last year, the Chairman
of Lloyd's appealed for the
abolition of this instrument of
warfare. The White House
issued a statement to the effect
that President Coolidge was pre-
pared to listen with an open mind
to any suggestions for the fur-
ther restrictions of the use of
submarines, but the American
policy, as laid down at Washing-
ton, remained unchanged. Now
the original American plan con-
tained proposals for the limitation

of submarines, but limitation and
abolition were alike prevented by
the opposition of certain Powers.
France, in particular, resolutely
opposed the suggestion; and sup-
ported her attitude by the argu-
ment that the disappearance of
the submarine would
endanger her communications
with North Africa—a plea
which, we venture to think,
is hardly consistent with the fact
that submarines have never pro-
ved their worth for convoy
work. Great Britain has gone as
far as she can, and nothing more
can be done except by universal
consent. But the truth is that, in
spite of having the finest sub-
marines in the world, she is not
really in the best position to take
the lead in this movement. In a
self-denying ordinance, that coun-
try must take the lead which has
the most to lose. The United
States could do it effectively in
the matter of capital ships, be-
cause just after the War she was
the potential builder of the great-
est Navy in the world. France
can take the lead in the reduction
of land armaments with the pros-
pect of being followed. But in the
matter of submarines, Great Brit-
ain has the most, not to lose, but
to gain, by their abolition, for
the unequalled extent of our lines
of communication makes our Em-
pire peculiarly vulnerable to at-
tacks from this weapon. To
France and Italy—whether right-
ly or wrongly—the submarine
still appears indispensable. The
question will, undoubtedly, have
to be discussed again at
some considerable length in the
very near future, and one can but
hope that some means will be
found for bringing the United
States and France together for
that purpose. Any dilatory atti-
tude on the part of either nation
at the present time may be cal-
culated to do irreparable harm,
whilst a conciliatory attitude may
contribute a great deal towards a
lasting peace and a permanent
solving of the armament problem.

DISHONEST SHROFF.

**KOWLOON HOSPITAL
EMPLOYEE JAILED.**

Charges involving the mis-
appropriation of moneys received
in his capacity of shroffs to the
Kowloon Hospital were preferred
against a Chinese arraigned be-
fore Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday
afternoon.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prose-
cuted on behalf of the Crown
and Dr. Smalley attended on be-
half of the Hospital authorities.
The defendant pleaded "not
guilty" to three of the five
charges, admitting the remaining
two.

Addressing the Bench, Mr.
Whyte-Smith said that the defen-
dant was required to collect all
moneys in connection with the
treatment of patients or the sup-
ply of medicines. The defendant
was required to issue a receipt in
each case, and to enter the sum
received on the counterfoil of the
receipt form issued. After ac-
cumulating large sums with a
view to obviating the payment of
small amounts, the defendant
would pay same into the Bank
periodically. The safe in which
the money was kept had two
keys, one of which was held by
Dr. Smalley and the other by the
defendant. The safe was found
empty when examined by Dr.
Smalley.

"A FOOL LIKE THIS."

"For goodness sake send an in-
telligent man next time. I don't
want to listen to a fool like this.
He is all mixed up with the num-
ber of pips and one minute he
says the defendant played the
first hand and then he says he
played the seventh," said Mr.
Lindsell, a Police sergeant at
the Central Magistracy this
morning, when a number of
Chinese were charged with gam-
bling.

Each defendant admitting the
offence, his Worship imposed a
fine of \$3 in each case, ordering
the sum of \$4.87, found on the
table, to be put in the Poor Box.

Mr. D. McNeill, formerly of Tai-
koo Dock, who has been residing in
Shanghai for nearly a year, returned
to Hong Kong this morning, but
leaves to-morrow for Home by the
P. and O. steamer "Kalyan." It is
47 years since Mr. McNeill first
came to the East as Engineer on
one of the P. & O. steamers, and
on leaving the sea he was for a
number of years in Tai-koo Dock.
He hopes to settle down for good
at Home, unless climatic seasons
compel a return once more to the
East.

SEDITION VERDICT.

(Continued from page 1.)

In response to his Worship,
witness said that he had nothing
more to say.

Cross-examined by Mr. King,
witness said that he lived at the
house of the Seamen's Union; he
had been in Hong Kong for four
months, but was previously in the
Colony prior to the last general
strike.

In reply to further questions,
witness said that the third de-
fendant had joined the Union in
Shanghai.

Mr. King: How many members
are there in Hong Kong?—A lit-
tle over 10,000.

Mr. King: Can you explain
why you choose a Shanghai man
as an officer for boarding ships in
Hong Kong?—We have to have
someone with a sound knowledge
of conditions of the seafaring
business.

The third defendant com-
menced addressing his Worship,
but was pulled up with the ob-
servation: "You told us all that
yesterday. Have you anything
fresh to say?—I was not aware
that it was illegal to have this
literature. I may say that the
Chinese Seamen's Union here is
not against the British. I have
been very weary during the
eight days that I have been de-
tained and demand that I be
given back my liberty."

Addressing his Worship, Mr.
King said that it was clear that
all the three defendants had come
to Hong Kong recently. It was
also clear that the third defen-
dant was the principal. He, Mr.
King, would submit that he had
been brought to Hong Kong for
the specific purpose of stirring up
trouble. There was one very
significant point. When the
Police entered the room on board
the President Taft, although the
bags containing the para-
phernalia of the Seamen's Union
were on the table, the 3rd de-
fendant was holding and speak-
ing with the aid of one of the
seditious pamphlets.

A Difficult Case.

Mr. Lindsell: This is a difficult
case to deal with. It is not clear
that the defendants are seditious
mongers in the ordinary sense.
It is also not certain as to whether
or not they had any seditious
intent. They claim, and it may be
a fact that they were, to have
been acting under orders. More-
over, as the third defendant has
stated, Shanghai and Canton are
inexhaustible reservoirs for sup-
plies of propaganda of this nature.
But every man must be assum-
ed responsible for his actions.
The case before the Court is, un-
doubtedly, a breach of the law
and conviction must necessarily
follow.

The 1st. and 2nd. defendants
appear to be uneducated men, and
I consider they will be satisfac-
torily dealt with if they are
bound over in the sum of \$100 to
keep the peace for twelve months.
With regard to the third defen-
dant, his position is different. He
is an educated man, and admits
having participated in the meet-
ing. However prevalent else-
where, such things cannot be tol-
erated in a British Colony. I
sentence him to three months'
hard labour.

Third defendant: May I have a
lawyer?

Mr. Lindsell: The case is closed.

ROYAL TOUR.

Suva, Fiji, Feb. 17.
H.M.S. "Renown" has arrived
here.—Reuter.

The further programme of the
voyage is as follows:—
Suva (Fiji).—Thursday, Febru-
ary 17, 6 p.m.; Saturday, February
19, 10 a.m.

Auckland.—Tuesday, February
22, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, February
23, 11 p.m.

Russell (Bay of Islands).—
Thursday, February 24, 9 a.m.;
Friday, February 25, not later
than 11 p.m.

Auckland.—Saturday, February
26, 8.30 a.m.; Thursday, March 3,
p.m.

Wellington.—Saturday, March 5,
a.m.; Wednesday, March 9, 5 a.m.

Pictou.—Wednesday, March 9, 10
a.m.; Saturday, March 13, p.m.

Off Patterson Inlet (Stewart
Island).—Monday, March 21, a.m.;
Tuesday, March 22, p.m.

Sydney.—Saturday, March 26, 10
a.m.; Thursday, April 14, 3 p.m.

Edgart.—Saturday, April 16, 10
a.m.; Wednesday, April 20, 9 a.m.

Melbourne.—Thursday, April 21,
11 a.m.; Thursday, May 12.

Freemantle.—Wednesday, May 18;
Monday, May 23, p.m.

Port Louis (Mauritius).—Wed-
nesday, June 1, a.m.; Saturday,
June 4, 6 a.m.

Great Hanish Island.—Saturday,
June 11, 6 a.m.; Saturday, June 11,
10 p.m.

Suez.—Wednesday, June 15, 4
a.m.; Wednesday, June 15, 3 a.m.

Port Said.—Depart Thursday,
June 16, 6 p.m.

TEARS IN COURT.

**An Unusual Assault
Case.**

"SEND ME TO THE ASYLUM."

An alleged assault on board the
s.s. "Hai Ching" in the early hours
of the morning of January 31, had
its sequel in Mr. W. Schofield's
Court at the Central Magistracy
this morning when A. Murray-Scott,
2nd Officer of that vessel appeared
in response to a summons issued
by Miss Sybil Joseph.

Mr. G. R. Haywood appeared on
behalf of the complainant, and Mr.
H. J. Armstrong defended.

Addressing his Worship, Mr.
Haywood said that the case was
one of common assault. Before he
made any reference to the facts
concerning the incident he, felt
sure that he could rely upon his
Worship eliminating from his mind
anything that might be generally
known about either party.

Continuing, Mr. Haywood said
that on the day in question the
complainant went to the defen-
dant's cabin on the "Hai Ching."
The defendant sprang out of bed
and forcibly ejected her, breaking
her wrist-watch and causing
severe injuries to various parts of
her body. He, Mr. Haywood, would
put the complainant into the wit-
ness box when she would narrate
exactly what occurred.

Mr. Armstrong: I don't think that
will be necessary. This is a simple
case of assault, and we plead
"guilty" to a purely technical of-
fence. The complainant was
ejected with no more force than
was necessary. Unfortunately for
her, she refused to leave the room,
putting her foot in the doorway.
That caused the injuries to her
legs.

Mr. Armstrong went on to say
that the complainant had been
warned not to go on board the
"Hai Ching" and by so doing put herself
in a position of being liable to be
summoned for trespass. He, Mr.
Armstrong, would suggest either
dismissal of the case, or the im-
position of a nominal fine and the
binding over of both parties to keep
the peace for a year.

His Worship said that he had
received a certificate from Dr.
Newton, but would like to know
whether there was any more medi-
cal evidence.

Complainant said that she also
consulted a Chinese doctor who
treated her legs after she had seen
Dr. Newton. "I did not put my
foot in the cabin door," continued
the complainant. "Scott is telling
wicked lies."

Mr. Haywood said that it was
very easy for his friend, Mr.
Armstrong, to plead "guilty" to a
purely technical offence, which was
a very nice way of getting out of
a difficult situation.

Mr. Armstrong: The defendant
has been pestered by this woman
for the past three years. He is
willing to agree to an order that
they both be bound over.

Mr. Schofield: What about costs?
Mr. Armstrong said that costs
did not arise in an action such as
that before the Court.

Mr. Armstrong intimated that, if
evidence was heard he would re-
quire the attendance of Dr.
Newton.

Complainant, continuing her re-
marks to the Magistrate, said that
she had been sick for two weeks.
Turning to the defendant she said,
amid an outburst of tears, "I've
been a mother to you Scott, and
yet you raised your hands on me."

Mr. Haywood: My client says
that she wants to go into the wit-
ness-box and tell your Worship the
full story.

Complainant continued her story
whilst his Worship asked Mr.
Haywood whether he would be satis-
fied with Mr. Armstrong's sugges-
tion.

Mr. Haywood said that she could,
of course, take the matter to the
Summary Court if she wanted to
recover damages.

Complainant: Can I sue him for
breach of promise?

Mr. Armstrong said that his
client was prepared to offer the
complainant \$10 for her doctor's
fee.

Complainant: I wouldn't accept
\$500. I want \$1,000 at least.

Mr. Haywood said that his client
had asked him to put in a number
of letters written by the defendant.

Mr. Armstrong said he objected.
Complainant: You can't object.
Give them to the judge at once.

Mr. Armstrong: I must register
a formal objection to your Worship
receiving them before my client
knows what they are.

Complainant continued to sob
bitterly throughout the discussion.

Mr. Armstrong: I think your
Worship might ask the complainant
to cease her tirade.

Mr. Schofield: What sum do you
suggest for the bond?

Complainant: I won't be bound
over. You can send me to the luna-
tic asylum.

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PACIFIC COAST FLOODS.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.
The heaviest rains on record
have occurred during the past five
days and has rendered the situa-
tion on the Pacific coast desperate.
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MANTRA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORA	8,283	14th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	19th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	9,114	10th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham
MALWA	10,441	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	8,852	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham
KHIVA	9,144	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTRA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles & London

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TAKADA	8,049	24th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,010	31st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	4,958	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
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TANDA	4,958	3rd June	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
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NYANZA	7,023	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
GAMBHIRA	5,257	24th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	24th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	8,047	6th March	Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	9,114	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,441	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ARAFURA	5,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
JEPPORE	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,144	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,918	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	4,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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BRITISH SHIPYARDS.

(Continued from Page 4.)

mines and these two events are
now checking the welcome re-
covery, because steel in sufficient
supply will not be available for
two or three months.

In due course we shall have the
corrected figures for the past
year, but in the meantime a fairly
accurate estimate of the ships
launched and the ships com-
menced can be made from the
quarterly returns for 1926 of
Lloyd's Register.

1925.	No.	Gross tons.
1st Quarter	74	193,121
2nd Quarter	47	168,483
3rd Quarter	28	68,327
4th Quarter	39	152,404
	188	582,335

1925.	No.	Cross tons.
1st Quarter	69	190,705
2nd Quarter	58	171,725
3rd Quarter	58	207,741
4th Quarter	20	67,843
	196	638,014

The Turn Of The Tide.

It will be seen that in the third
quarter of last year only twenty-
eight keels were laid, while fifty-
eight ships were launched, which
means that, while in the earlier
months of the year new work
judged on a tonnage basis, had
kept pace with the launchings,
thirty additional ships had be-
come empty by Sept. 30. When it
is remembered that the ship-
yards possess about 650 ships, and
that only 177 of them were occu-
pied at that date, some concep-
tion may be formed of the tragic
state into which the industry had
fallen, with the dismal prospect
that things might become worse
before they became better. Then
the tide, fortunately, began to
turn. During the final three
months the amount of tonnage
put in hand was more than twice
as great as that which took the
water, and there is now solid
foundations upon which to base
the prophecy that 700,000 or
800,000 tons will be begun during
the next three months. But, even
when all this work has been
begun, it is doubt-
ful whether the shipyards
throughout the country will be
working at much more than half
their capacity. These figures ex-
pose the fallacy which underlies
all the talk about "a shipbuilding
boom." If the ships under con-
struction at any period of the
year approach 1,000,000 tons
shipbuilders will consider them-
selves extremely fortunate, but
they will be conscious of the fact
that a real boom would mean
that they would have anything
from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 tons
under construction. There can
be no great revival in this in-
dustry until the surplus tonnage
now afloat has disappeared com-
pletely, as it is fortunately dis-
appearing at the moment, and
trade and industry in this coun-
try have recovered, providing the
cargoes for ships to carry. But
British shipping also fulfils inter-
national functions, and the dis-
turbed conditions in China, Java,
and elsewhere, inspired by the
Communists, and the trade bar-
riers, which many foreign coun-
tries are still maintaining, must
inevitably check an improvement
in the shipping situation, and
thus limit the volume of orders
for new ships, for shipowners will
not build ships unless they are
assured that there will be em-
ployment for them.

The Revival Abroad.

Passing from these general
considerations, the statistics for
the last quarter present some in-
teresting features. Greater ac-
tivity is prevailing in the foreign
shipyards, as well as in our own.
Lloyd's Register remarks:

The total merchant tonnage
building in other countries—
1,172,943 tons—is about 97,000
tons more than at the end of
September, 1926.
The tonnage under construction
abroad exceeds by no less than
412,859 tons the tonnage build-
ing in Great Britain and Ireland.
The figures for the leading
countries abroad are: Italy 238-
775 tons; Germany 211,062 tons;
United States 151,635 tons; Hol-
land 145,005 tons; and France
143,068 tons.
No less than 271,237 tons were
commenced abroad and 342,423
tons were launched, an increase,
as compared with the previous
quarter, of 71,210 tons in the
tonnage commenced, and an in-
crease of 163,602 tons in the ton-
nage launched.

Countries for No. of Gross which intended. vessels. tonnage.

Great Britain and Ireland	123	592,385
British Dominions	16	44,000
Brazil	4	15,790
Ecuador	1	260
France	1	4,560
Holland	1	28,000
Italy	1	5,000
Jugo-Slavia	1	4,700
Norway	1	1,644
United States	3	950
Venezuela	1	2,600
Jugo-Slavia	1	4,700
For sale or coun- try not stated	15	60,195
Total	168	760,084

Another disturbing factor is

that more attention is still being
devoted abroad to the motor-
ship, in preference to the steam-
er, than in this country. In this
connection Lloyd's Register pre-
sents some arresting figures, in-
dicating the larger proportion of
motor-ships being built abroad
than in our own shipyards:

The tonnage of vessels now building in the world which are to be fitted with internal com- bustion engines amounts to 905- 675 tons, while the tonnage of steam vessels under construction is 1,005,224 tons. The motor ton- nage is thus 90 per cent. of the steam tonnage, showing the re- markable development which is taking place in the adoption of this system of propulsion.

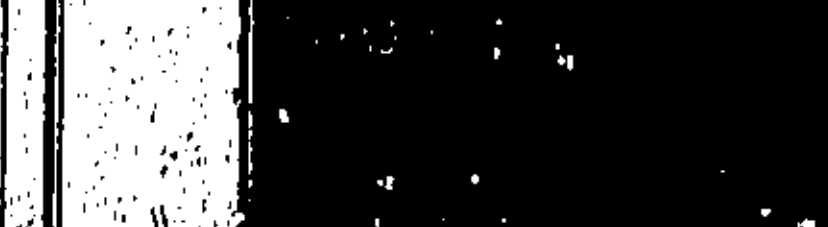
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Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 19th Mar., at Noon.
Osaka via S'hai, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Sun., 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sun., 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & S'hai	MINGSANG	Sun., 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	NAMSANG	Mon., 21st Feb., at 3 p.m.
Tiau via S'hai, Moji & Kobe	TINGSANG	Tues., 22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Canton	HANGSANG	Tues., 22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun., 27th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	HOPSANG	Wed., 2nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	CHEONGSHING	Thurs., 3rd Mar., at Noon.
Straits and Calcutta	MAUSANG	Sat., 5th Mar., at 1 p.m.
Osaka via S'hai, Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues., 8th Mar., at 3 p.m.
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tonnage commenced, and an in-
crease of 163,602 tons in the ton-
nage launched.

Owing to various causes, many
of which are not beyond our con-
trol, foreign shipbuilders are now
obtaining orders which in the
past would have come almost au-
tomatically to us. There was
probably never a time in the his-
tory of this industry when so lit-
tle work was being done in Bri-
tish shipyards for the shipowners
of other countries, as the appen-
dix figures of work in hand here
indicate.

Countries for No. of Gross which intended. vessels. tonnage.

Great Britain and Ireland	123	592,385
British Dominions	16	44,000
Brazil	4	15,790
Ecuador	1	260
France	1	4,560
Holland	1	28,000
Italy	1	5,000
Jugo-Slavia	1	4,700
Norway	1	1,644
United States	3	950
Venezuela	1	2,600
Jugo-Slavia	1	4,700
For sale or coun- try not stated	15	60,195
Total	168	760,084

Another disturbing factor is

that more attention is still being
devoted abroad to the motor-
ship, in preference to the steam-
er, than in this country. In this
connection Lloyd's Register pre-
sents some arresting figures, in-
dicating the larger proportion of
motor-ships being built abroad
than in our own shipyards:

The tonnage of vessels now
building in the world which are
to be fitted with internal com-
bustion engines amounts to 905-
675 tons, while the tonnage of
steam vessels under construction
is 1,005,224 tons. The motor ton-
nage is thus 90 per cent. of the
steam tonnage, showing the re-
markable development which is
taking place in the adoption of
this system of propulsion.

The tonnage of motor-ships

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Mar. 28	Seattle	Geo. Washington	Apr. 23	P'm'th-C'Br
Mar. 29	San Francisco	Homeric	Apr. 29	Chgo-S'p'mpn
Apr. 5	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	Chgo-S'p'mpn
Apr. 12	San Francisco	Quinn	May 11	Chgo-S'p'mpn
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"DIRTY LINEN"**How It Was Washed In Mudford.****LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.**

The first meeting of the "Mudford Town Council" subsequent to the somewhat hectic election campaign for three vacancies attracted a large attendance in the "Strangers Gallery" of the "Town Hall" (Y.M.C.A. lounge, Kowloon) yesterday.

The "Rev" Councillor Howell's entirely un-rehearsed exchanges with members of his "flock" kept the audience—and the Council—in a state of excitement which, however, did not interfere with the more serious matters under consideration.

Any who had not attended the election meetings and were in doubt as to the reason for the return of Mr. Fred Munn at the head of the poll were treated to another rare display of wit which entirely explained the matter.

It is somewhat "regrettable" that family matters were introduced and "dirty linen" washed in public in the matter of the "strained relations" between Councillors T. J. and E. R. Price who have contested the election from rival platforms. It is satisfactory to note that matters were afterwards straightened out in the "Working Men's Club."

Lady's "Indiscretions." Councillor ("Mrs.") Sapsed also created a somewhat "embarrassing" situation when she referred to certain intimate matters in which her gentlemen colleagues were hardly qualified to speak from experience.

Mr. Councillor Dard showed somewhat surprising eloquence as an "ignorant" worker. It is not difficult to credit the claim that this "ignorant" was adopted as a "pose" for the purposes of the election.

"A little child shall lead them," said a Councillor, referring to Mr. Murray, leader of the Progressive party. If there were grounds for the implication, then the "child" was a remarkably gifted one. Truly, this is the age of youth!

"Lieut. Col." Walker, Mr. Keates, "Comrades" Bolas and Long "Superintendent" Sewell and others also "did their stuff" in the terminology of the "Socialists" in a creditable manner.

The Mayor (Rev. H. T. Johnston) invested his office with a dignity which did not exclude a natural and refreshing humour.

Sitting in comparative obscurity as Clerk of Council, Mr. T. V. Harmon was in a unique position of observing how the schemes of (and Mr. J. H. Hunt) brought forward grew to their present dimensions.

Spectator's Thanks. The Council appreciated the sentiments expressed from the body of the Hall at the conclusion of the meeting by a former President of the "Mudford" (Kowloon) Residents' Association—Mr. W. S. Bailey.

After the meeting, the Council sat in state whilst a flashlight photograph was taken.

B.A.T. CO. IN CHINA.**CHAIRMAN ON "HOPEFUL FUTURE TRADE."**

At the twenty-fourth annual general meeting of British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, held at Westminster House, London, Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Bt., the Chairman, referred to the effects of the Chinese disturbances. He said: During the year under review the business of the allied companies in China has suffered from the political disturbances and unrest through which that country is passing at the present time, but one of the principal causes of the interference with their business has been the lack of transport facilities, owing to the railways being commandeered by the rival military commanders.

The Chinese and foreign staff have met the difficulties with courage, patience, and determination.

As I have explained before, our interests and those of the Chinese are closely allied, and now that our Government have taken a definite lead in Chinese affairs and are showing the Chinese people that their one desire is friendly co-operation and a prosperous China, I venture to look forward with hope to the future of that market.

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WAR DEBTS.**\$6,000,000 On Account From France.****PORTUGAL'S ANNUITIES.****Rugby, Feb. 17.**

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that he had been in constant touch with the French Finance Minister on the subject of ratification of the Anglo-French debt agreement by France.

He had now received a communication from M. Poincaré declaring that in view of the delay in obtaining formal ratification of the debt agreement by the French Parliament, the French Government undertook without prejudice to ratification to pay \$6,000,000 during the next financial year—half on September 15, 1927 and the remainder on March 15, 1928.

Mr. Churchill added that while awaiting the debt agreement would soon be ratified, he welcomed this communication as indicating that the French Government intended to meet its obligations in respect of the war debt pending ratification.

Replying to a question regarding the recent agreement for the funding of the Portuguese debt, Mr. Churchill stated that the original total of the debt was £23,570,000 but this was reduced to £20,133,000 in consideration of supplies rendered to this country during the war free of charge, and in the settlement of all outstanding claims.

The present value of the annuities to be paid under the funding agreement was £7,176,000—British Wireless Service.

JEWELS FOUND.**EUROPEAN APPRENTICE HELPS POLICE.****TWO MEN SENT FOR TRIAL.**

Calcutta, Jan. 30. The "Statesman" reports the recovery, in dramatic circumstances of £70,000 worth of jewellery alleged to have been brought to Calcutta by Mr. A. J. Jones, from a Northern India Ruling Chief whose name is now divulged as the Maharajah of Bharatpur.

It would appear that an Anglo-Indian lad named Ford Hunt, who works as an apprentice for a Howrah Engineering firm, while he was at his workshop yesterday morning, was told of the news appearing in a paper about Jones having been arrested in connection with a jewellery fraud.

Hunt at once recalled that Jones had a couple of days ago left with him for safe custody a hand-bag which Jones told him contained certain office papers.

Hunt immediately left his residence, informed his uncle about Jones' arrest and drew his attention to the hand-bag left with them by Jones for safe custody.

Both the uncle and nephew thereupon proceeded to Police Headquarters with the hand-bag, where it was opened in the presence of the Commissioner of Police.

The bag was found to contain practically all the missing jewellery.

It is understood that Jones and a Bengali named Bakshi, who are in custody, will be taken to Bharatpur, where they will be tried.

AMERICA AND NICARAGUA.**Washington, Feb. 17.**

The Navy Department has ordered six aeroplanes and a company of marines, making a combined unit of two hundred men to leave San Diego, California, for Corinto, Nicaragua, as soon as the aeroplanes can be got ready. The planes will be armed with standard machine-gun and bombing equipment—Peters' American Service.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Before the Chamber's Military Committee M. Poincaré pointed out the urgency of the reform of the military organisation and the necessity to vote the budget and the military laws before the summer holidays. He stated that the Government was ready so far as concerned the military project although it had not yet come to any decision concerning electoral reform. Marshal Foch speaking on the question of disarming Germany declared that while disarmament was effective he recommended vigilance in the future.—Havas.

MEXICAN RAILWAY STRIKE.**Mexico City, Feb. 17.**

The general railway strike is timed to begin at midnight following the breakdown of the conference between the disputants.—Reuters' American Service.

H.K.V.D.C.**VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.****ANNUAL INSPECTION.**

Volunteer orders issued to-day (for the week read as follows):

Artillery & Engineer Co.'s Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above companies at Stonecutters on Sunday.

Range Office: 2/Lt. R. S. Logan. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken as the whole (Part I. course) must be fired in drill order, whether over uniform or mufti.

Arms: Must be drawn from Headquarters on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Engineer Company. The light runs at Belcher's Fort will take place on Thursday from 5.30 to 11 p.m. It is proposed to run the Belcher's Lights in conjunction with the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery at Stonecutters on this night.

Dress: Uniform—tunics, trousers, belts, haversack and water-bottle and caps. Sandwich rations will be provided by the Corps.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.**Tuesday, February 22.—**

(a) The G.O.C. South China Command, will inspect the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Tuesday, February 22, at 6 p.m. on Murray parade ground.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

(b) The Corps (less Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies) will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m.

One marker from each unit will report to the Corps Sergeant Major on Murray parade ground at 5.30 p.m. They must know the number of files in their own unit.

(c) Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade on Murray parade ground at 5.15 p.m.

(d) The Corps will be drawn up as in diagram No. 1 which will be distributed to officers later.

Dress: Drill tunics, shorts and puttees, helmets; belts, rifles and bayonets. Medals will be worn if in possession; if not, ribbons 1 inch long. Chin straps will be worn under the chin.

Mounted Infantry Company will parade with rifles, bayonets and bandoliers. Breeches.

Scottish Company will dress in the kilt with glengarrys, khaki tunics, sporans, diced hose tops, flashes and spats. Belts and frogs.

Officers' dress: Khaki drill, breeches, puttees, Sam Brown belt, sword and sword knot, helmets.

Practice Parades. To-day and Monday.—Practice parades for the above inspection will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. to-day in mufti and on Monday in uniform.

Members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C.'s inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Arms: Must be drawn from Headquarters to-day, between 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

INFANTRY COMPANY.

All members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C.'s inspection on Tuesday is a condition of efficiency, and every member of the Company is expected to be present at the inspection and also the dress rehearsal parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Monday.

Musketry—Senson 1927-1928. Part I. will be fired by the Company on Sunday, March 6, at Stonecutters' and Peak ranges.

Arms may be drawn from Headquarters, between the following hours:—Friday, March 4, 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 5, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Stonecutters' Range. Launch leaves Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Range Officer: Lt. E. J. R. Mitchell. Peak Range.—Firing will commence at 9.20 a.m.—last tram up 9 a.m. Range Officer: 2nd Lt. H. Owen Hughes.

Dress for both ranges: mufti or uniform optional but belts, braces and pouches must be taken in addition to rifle and bayonet.

ATTENDANCE.

The following are the percentages of attendance on special parades as stated of the various units of the Corps:

Units.	Numbers on Parade.	Percent.
Engineer Co.	14	22.6
Armoured Car Co.	31	38.4
M.I. Company	12	85.5
Scottish Co.	21	21.2
Infantry Co.	51	83.8
Medical Sect.	5	—

ROUTE MARCH—February 15.

Units.	Numbers on Parade.	Percent.
Artillery Co.	7	23.33
Engineer Co.	30	48.50
Armoured Car Co.	40	47.00
M.I. Company	9	28.50
Infantry Co.	38	62.4
Scottish Co.	34	84.3
Reserve Co.	8	—
Medical Sect.	6	—

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—Pte. G. E. L. Johnson, No. 2 Platoon; Pte. C. F. V. Ribeiro, No. 4 Platoon.

The Commandant records, with deep regret, the death of Staff Armourer Sergeant G. W. Avenell, D.C.M. (whose name is now struck off).

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—Pte. E. G. Jordan, No. 2 Platoon, from 12.2.27 to 11.2.28; Sgt. J. H. Bottomley, Engineer Co., from 1.2.27 to 23.2.27; Sgt. L. C. P. Reas, Reserve Co., from 1.2.27 to 23.2.27; Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett, Reserve Co., 8.2.27 to 23.2.27; Pte. F. D. Shuster, A. C. Company, from 10.2.27 to 9.2.28.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—Pte. T. N. MacReynolds, Reserve Company; Pte. H. Jordan, Medical Section.

Notice.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their first meeting at Peak range this Sunday, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

CAESAR'S SUNKEN SHIPS.**PROJECT TO DRAIN ITALIAN LAKE.****FLOATING PLEASURE PALACES.**

The project to drain Lake Nemi, in the hope of recovering the two great Roman galleys that lie at the bottom, is viewed with misgiving by the people of a village of Nemi, writes "The Daily Chronicle" correspondent at Rome.

Though no scheme of draining has yet been decided on, a Government Commission is considering plans for the salvage of these relics of the Caesars.

The inhabitants of the picturesque village in the heart of the Alban hills demur at the mere possibility of losing, even for a time, the beautiful sheet of blue water, called by the Ancients "Diana's Mirror."

The galleys, which were floating pleasure palaces, were built and launched on the lake by Caligula, doubtless to form an occasional pleasant refuge from his strenuous life of crime in Rome.

They were encrusted with marbles and precious metals, adorned with statuary, while the sails were of the finest linen and the hangings woven with silver and gold.

After the lapse of 19 centuries their dark outlines can be faintly seen at the bottom of the lake, on clear, still days.

Wood for Home Fires.

Though an assurance has been given that the ships when reclaimed will be placed in a museum, on the shores of the lake, which will draw visitors from all parts of the world, the fear still remains that once the waters are pumped into the nearby Lake Albano they will never return to Nemi.

It has been estimated that for the work of draining the lake eight years must pass, as there are 30,000,000 cubic metres of water to be pumped out of one lake into the other.

During these years Nemi's principal industry, which is the tourist trade, will languish, as the blue lake will no longer attract strangers to its banks.

There are many who say that little, if anything, remains of the imperial ships, as fishermen, when in need of winter fuel, exploded dynamite charges into the blue waters.

This brought to the surface a large quantity of hard wood, which gave out beautiful flames of blue and green.

Decks of Property.

Besides this possibility of not finding remains of these gorgeous galleys with their decks paved with porphyry and serpentine disks, and lines of green gold, red and white enamel, there is still another difficulty.

With the excavating which will be necessary in order to remove one of the ships, will the beautiful blue of the lake be changed when the waters are pumped back?

But these objections of the people of Nemi will not be allowed to interfere with the project of raising the imperial ships, once the Commission has decided what plan is most likely to succeed.

A great writer has said: "There cannot be many sensations so unpleasant or more humiliating than that of humbugging one's friends."

There is an old maxim that reads: "To find the value of a friend you must needs winter and summer him." In other words, he must be proved in foul weather as well as fair weather.

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Here, unquestionably, is one of the best of the "present-day" films to be brought to Hong Kong for some time past. A story of modern Varsity life in the United States, the film portrays Harvard—the Cambridge of America—and all that it stands for in the lives of the young men of the New World. Clever and gay-natured, Tom Brown arrived at the University only to find madly in love with a professor's daughter. His temperamental clashes with a rival suitor and sporting prowess at Harvard form the backbone of the story which ends in his winning his spurs in the Harvard-Yale match and, of course, the professor's daughter. A touch of pathos is introduced by the death of young Decolite, who idolises Tom, and on his death-bed, secures Mary's promise to give Tom a change.

A Metro-Goldwyn production, the photograph is of the highest order, whilst the music, as usual, is all that can be desired.

An up-to-date news reel and a "Buster Brown" comedy provide acceptable curtain-raisers preceding the feature film. Altogether a programme giving one the impression that "House Full" boards will be the order of the day at the Queen's for the remainder of the week.

"TEN COMMANDMENTS."

"The Ten Commandments" will be shown at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, on Sunday and Monday.

So much has been seen and heard about Cecil B. de Mille's masterpiece that local "film fans" are not likely to be influenced one way or the other.

With an unusually large number of "star" this very cleverly arranged story of the Old Testament, in conjunction with a phase of modern life, is well worth seeing.

"What curious sound is that?"

said he.

"Oh, that's an owl, my lord," said she.

"An owl, of course, I jolly well know,"

"But what animal is it that's 'owling so?'"

Shadows Before.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."****Entertainments.**

February 18—Queen's Theatre; "Brown of Harvard."

February 18—World Theatre; "The Texas Streak."

February 18—Star Theatre; "His Jazz Bride."

February 18—K.C.C. Dance at Savoy Hotel.

February 19—H.M.S. "Hermies" dance at Hotel Savoy.

February 23 & 24—Theatre Royal, Dance Display by Miss Violet Capell's pupils, 5.15 p.m.

February 24—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capell's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

February 26—Smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

March 3—Annual "At Home" of U.S.R.C. Club's ground, Kowloon.

March 12—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 22—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

March 5—Next Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

March 14—Kowloon Cricket Club tennis tournament.

Meetings.

February 18—Annual meeting of Members the Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m. at the Club.

February 21—Seventh meeting of Kowloon Residents' Asscn., St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.

February 23—Benevolent Society Meeting, City Hall, noon.

February 24—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

February 25—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 26—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3.30 p.m.

March 4—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 5—Thirty-eighth meeting of Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 7—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, noon.

Lammeris' Auctions.

February 19—Miscellaneous goods, Sales Room, Duddell St., 11 a.m.

February 21—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Chinese Curles, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 18 & 25—Organ Recitals, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 21—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Hotel Savoy, 7.45 p.m.

March 4—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

March 10—Annual show of flowers and vegetables, Volunteer Headquarters.

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week she received the customary
salute from the Fort Canning bat-
tery.Mrs. Cameron, of Clermont
Hotel, Kowloon, was fined \$7 by
Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday
morning for allowing two dogs in
the streets without muzzles.Three of the five Chinese
Roman Catholic bishops who
were recently consecrated in
Rome, arrived in Hong Kong
yesterday on the "Porthos" en-
route for their respective sees.
They are Mngs. Philipus Tcho-
of Suamwatu, Mng. Luigi
Tchen of Hupoh and Mng.
Melchior Souven of Linsien.Further evidence in the case
against the two remaining "Sun-
ning" piracy suspects was tender-
ed by Mr. T. H. King, Director of
Criminal Intelligence, in Mr.
Lindell's Court at the Central
Magistracy yesterday afternoon,
following which his Worship ad-
judged the case until next
Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.The Auto of January 6 con-
tains a picture of the 20 h.p.
Rolls Royce car now in use at
Government House, Singapore.
The car is painted royal blue,
with wings and the upper part in
black. The interior is uphol-
stered in fawn striped cloth, and
the driving seat in antique
leather. The Governor's arms
are emblazoned on the main
doors.At the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon, Mr. Duncan
McCallum secured the discharge
of six Chinese, members of the
Wah Seong Club, 26A Des Vaux
Road, Central, who were charged
with keeping a common gaming
house, and gambling on the
premises. Five other men ar-
rested when the premises were
raided failed to put in an appear-
ance yesterday, forfeiting their
bail of \$5 each. Addressing the
Magistrate, Mr. McCallum sub-
mitted that the Club was a bona
fide one. His Worship held that
there was no evidence to show
that others than legitimate mem-
bers of the Club were participat-
ing, and gave the decision stated
above.The publication of Mr.
Hasketh Pearson's book, "The
Whispering Gallery" is to be dis-
continued in the United States.The death took place at sea,
shortly before the "Dolius" put
into Penang last Wednesday, of
Mr. William Sheppard, chief cook
on board the steamer, from heart
failure following bronchitis. The
"Dolius" was on a voyage from
Shanghai to Port Said.A rare visitor has arrived in
London in Mr. Babirusa, from
the F.M.S. He is a big wild hog
with fearsome tusks and an in-
tractable spirit. There have been
one or two members of his family
at the Zoo from time to time, but
not lately, for he is rare.An accident which resulted in
Mr. Dennis Jackson, of the Fire-
stone Co., being injured occurred
on the Kallang Road, Singapore.
Mr. Jackson was motor cycling
along the road when a motor lorry
came out of a lorum. He appar-
ently misjudged the distance and
ran into the rear of the lorry and
was heavily thrown.Because a cog wheel slipped,
St. Paul's clock, by which City
workers time their work and their
play hours, went on strike. At
10.46 the hands stopped, and at
11.30 they still remained three-
quarters of an hour behind. Soon
after 11.30, however, the hands
jumped surprisingly to 10.55, and
then took another flying leap to
11.24. A minute later they jumped
to 12.3, where they remained.
A clock repairer was sent for,
and he discovered that a cog
wheel was slipping slightly, and
could be quickly remedied.All Normandy is to celebrate
this year the nine hundredth an-
niversary of the birth of William
the Conqueror, and a committee
has been formed at Caen, to
organise the fetes on this occa-
sion. The Conqueror's own town
of Falaise will also organise vari-
ous ceremonies for the month of
June, while at Divers-sur-Mer
there will be a pageant in which
Norman ships will actually sail
as if for England. Turning
when at sea, they will make for
Le Havre, and the picturesque
flotilla will then sail up the Seine
to Rouen, where further fetes
will be held. It is expected that
the pageant will attract a large
number of English visitors to the
Normandy coast.The Canadian Government
has decided to spend \$7,000,000 on
road improvements throughout
the Dominion.A British aeroplane for the
defence of London, carrying only
one man, the pilot, has in trials
climbed at a greater pace than
any other machine of the type in
the world.Two motor-lorries, brought
from the bottom of the North
Sea in the vessel's nets, and pre-
sumably part of a cargo of Army
lorries lost during the war, were
landed at Grimsby by the trawler
"Merlin."Made of the original oak and
copper from Nelson's flagship,
"Victory," a gavel and block for
use at council meetings have been
presented to Portsmouth by Rear-
Admiral Thesiger, admiral super-
intendent of the dockyard.Thought by some authorities
to be the most valuable in the
world, his collection of the early
editions of Euclid's "Elements"
has been presented by Mr.
Charles Thomas Stanford, of
Preston Manor, Brighton, to the
National Library of Wales.Bow Bells cannot be rung
owing, it is said, to the need of re-
pairs to the Church of St. Mary-
le-Bow. One of the bells is crack-
ed, and the others are also suffer-
ing from age and usage. An ap-
peal is made for £10,000, the sum
required for the bells alone being
£3,000.Miss Violet Cordery, the Eng-
lish girl racing motorist who be-
came famous through her long
distance driving records on the
Monza Track in Italy, and in
Paris, will shortly embark on a
14,000-mile tour of the world in
an open car, which can be convert-
ed into a sleeping tent. She
hopes to cross seventeen coun-
tries, and to climb the Alps, the
Rocky Mountains, and some of the
highest mountains in India. Miss
Cordery will be accompanied by a
woman companion, who is also a
trained nurse and an expert
motorist, and by Mr. Ernest
Hatcher, who has been her me-
chanic for some years. The final
plans for the tour have been sub-
mitted to the Royal Automobile
Club, who have decided to send
an official observer with the
party.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

His Majesty the King has ap-
proved of the appointment of
Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Her-
bert Goodwin as Governor of
Queensland, in succession to Sir
Mathew Nathan.A wedding of much interest
was solemnised at St. Andrew's
Cathedral, Singapore, when Miss
Ina Kathleen Rothery Nutt, elder
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F.
Nutt of Batavia, Java, was married
to Mr. Lionel Rupert Daines of the
British-American Tobacco Com-
pany, Batavia.There was a very good attend-
ance at the Helena May Institute
yesterday afternoon for the
monthly musicale. Songs were
contributed by Mrs. R. Sanger
and Mr. L. E. Hopkins; recita-
tions by Mr. S. S. Perry; a duet
by Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and
Mr. L. E. Hopkins, and piano-
forte solos by Mr. A. M. Bowes-
Smith, who also played the ac-
companiments.Singapore papers report the
death on February 9, at Eu Villa,
7 Addis Road, Singapore, of Mrs.
Eu Kong, nee Leong Kum Yew.
The deceased was the mother of
the Hon. Mr. Eu Tong Sen,
O.B.E., who is now in Hong
Kong, and Mrs. Leong Kwong-
hin. At the time of her death
she was 73 years old. The
funeral will take place on the re-
turn of Mr. Eu Tong Sen from
Hong Kong and the remains will
be buried in the family private
burial ground at Bukit Timah
Road.Brigadier-General L. G. Koe
and Mrs. Koe are passing through
Hong Kong on their way to
Japan. They have already visited
India, Siam, Sumatra, Java, Bali
and Singapore. General Koe en-
tered the Army in 1882, and has
seen service in the Sudan and
on the Nile. He was badly
wounded in the Benin Expedi-
tion. From 1916 till 1919 he
was in command of the Southern
District and is now living in re-
tirement. He leaves for Japan
on the P. and O. "Mongolia," on
which he arrived here yesterday
with his wife.Among visitors to Malaya at the
present time is Dr. Finckey, a
brother of the well-known Penang
tennis player.The Duchess of Bedford was
one of the passengers on the suc-
cessful trial flight of the Number
Four Hercules, the newest Cairo-
Karachi air liner.Mr. A. Dallas, the leading
Shanghai jockey who rides the
"Day" string of ponies, arrived in
Hong Kong to-day on the
"Kalyan." He will be here for
race week to ride for Mr. L. Dun-
bar whose stable is favourite for
the local Derby.Shanghai passengers arrived in
Hong Kong to-day on the
"Kalyan" included Mr. F. Mar-
shall, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. B.
Bradbury, Lt. C. Pugh, R.N., Lt.
H. Nicholl, R.N., Lt. A. Waring,
R.N., Captain J. Hunt, the Rev.
and Mrs. J. Wilson.Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wells and
Miss N. Wells arrived in Hong
Kong to-day on the P. and O.
"Delta" from Kobe. Passengers
from Shanghai included Mr.
H. V. Pearce, Mr. H. E. Shing
and Mr. F. Winkler. Mr. and
Mrs. H. E. Hayim and Lt. A. H.
Wall are going from Shanghai to
Bombay on the boat.The following deaths were an-
nounced at Home in mail week:—
Mr. Delissa Joseph, architect, known
for his advocacy of higher build-
ings for London, in a nursing home,
aged 69; Mr. Samuel Gordon, the
Jewish novelist, in London aged
68; Canon Frederic Cremor, vicar
of Sanford, Sussex, 1913-1920, at
Winchester while standing near a
memorial cross on the roadside
waiting for an omnibus to South-
ampton; Lady Weaver, wife of Sir
Lawrence Weaver, director of the
United Kingdom Exhibits at the
Wembley Exhibition, at Fikins,
Oxfordshire; The Rev. Thomas
Alexander Horne, of Chesterton
Rectory, Peterborough, became ill
suddenly in the street in Luton
and died soon after admission to
hospital; and Maude, Lady Dun-
boyne, widow of the 25th Lord
Dunboyne, who died in 1913, and
mother of the present baron, at
Swinley House, South Ascut.The younger children of Mr.
Eugene Chen, acting Foreign
Minister of the Nationalist Gov-
ernment, arrived in Hong Kong
yesterday on the P. and O.
"Mongolia" from Home.Mr. James Graham, acting Chief
Inspector of Machinery, F.M.S., is
leaving Malaya on retirement. Mr.
Graham went to Malaya in 1895
and joined the Straits Steamship
Company from which he retired in
1907 as chief engineer, "Sappho".
He took up a Government appoint-
ment as Inspector of Machinery.
He retired as acting Chief Inspec-
tor, an appointment which he has
held for the last four years. Mr.
Graham, says the "Malay Mail,"
has lived in Kuala Lumpur for 20
years and has been a member of
the Selangor Club for 21
years during which time he has
taken a keen interest in
sport, especially in "soccer." He
will be a loss to Freemasonry there
also. He numbers many friends
there of all races and has for long
been well-known to the Chinese
mining communities of Selangor
and Perak. He will be succeeded
by Mr. A. M. Hunter from Ipoh.London papers announce the
death, at her residence in Montagu-
square, W., after a long illness, of
the Hon. Mrs. Abercromby, wife of
Capt. Robert Abercromby, and only
daughter of Lord Hardinge of
Penhurst. Formerly the Hon.
Diamond Hardinge, Mrs. Aber-
cromby was extremely popular in
social circles. When her father,
who is a widower, became our Am-
bassador in Paris in 1920, Miss
Hardinge, who was then only 20,
acted as hostess at the Embassy.
In 1922 she underwent a very
serious operation, which was fol-
lowed by a second one. Her full
names were Diamond Evelyn
Violet, and she was given the first
one as a compliment to King
Edward, whose 60th Diamond
Jubilee was the Derby and the St.
Leger in 1900, the year in which
she was born. Mrs. Abercromby
was a bridemaid to the Duchess of
York, one of her close friends, in
April 1923, and two months later
she married Capt. Robert Aber-
cromby, brother of Sir George
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ARMY BANDS.

NUMBERING THE DAYS OF JAZZ.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Mackenzie-Rogan, former Director of Music of the Brigade of Guards, was in a reminiscent and humorous mood in the speech which he delivered at the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the City Livery Club at the Carpenters' Hall.

He spoke first of the development of military bands. In 1680 each British regiment, he said, was permitted to have one oboe, in addition to its drums and fife, and later the number of oboes was increased to twelve. It was not till 1904 that the State took any hand in the upkeep of military bands, the cost of which had previously been borne by the officers.

In 1793, when we were fighting the French, the Fourteenth Regiment, now the West Yorks, was being driven back by its French opponents, the enemy being heartened by the playing of the revolutionary tune "Ca ira." The position was desperate when the English colonel ordered his band to play "Ca ira," and placing himself at the head of his men said, "Come on, lads, we'll beat the Frenchmen with their own damned tune." They did, and to this day "Ca ira" was the quickstep regimental march of the West Yorks.

Moved by A Hymn.

In reference to his own band, that of the Coldstream Guards, the speaker told how in 1785 the hired musicians refused to obey the Duke of York's order to go to Greenwich and play at a water party. The Duke was so incensed that he went (unfortunately) to Hanover and raised a band for the Coldstream Guards.

Other regiments followed suit, but each was a law to itself in the matter of pitch, and when at Scutari during the Crimean War the late Duke of Cambridge arranged for the grouping of thirty or forty bands the result was pandemonium, and the Duke almost threatened to commit the musicians to prison. As a result he subsequently founded Kneller Hall, formerly the residence of Sir Godfrey Kneller, the painter, as a training centre for military musicians.

He (the speaker) was sorry to notice that students at Kneller Hall were occasionally permitted to go to our music halls and play jazz music. This, in his opinion, was lowering the standard of music. He felt sure that the days of jazz music were numbered.

At Dublin in 1907, said Colonel Mackenzie-Rogan, a speech was demanded from him by an audience packed with Sinn Feiners. Instead of speaking at once, he got his band to play "Abide with me," and the effect was electrical. When the National Anthem followed he could not see a single covered head, and one of the councillors afterwards told him with great emotion that though he was a Nationalist, he had uncovered and sung the National Anthem. "Are you sorry for it?" he was asked and his reply was: "No, I would sing it again under the same conditions."

Deaf to Music.

Talking of the quality of band instruments he said he formerly got his heavy brass instruments from Vienna. Now there was no country in the world which could make better band-instruments than this country.

There was a great difference in commanding officers in the matter of appreciation of music. A well-known Irish colonel of a battalion about to leave Malta, once told his bandmaster that he would have none of those nonsensical tunes like "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Girl I Left Behind Me," the band was to play the National Anthem only.

However, following custom, the band was ordered to play "Rule, Britannia!" before the National Anthem, as they were on a British ship. The colonel was the only man who stood to attention and at the salute, and he angrily demanded how it was that the officers and troops were not standing to attention for the National Anthem! What could be done with a man who could not distinguish between "Rule Britannia!" and the National Anthem? (Laughter.)

Another colonel complained of his band that their performance was disgraceful, and when the bandmaster protested that they

seemed to him to have played extremely well, the colonel replied, "I don't know anything about the music, but I noticed that those fellows in front were not pushing those things in and out at the same time."

He referred to the trombone and said he would have the men sent to the drill sergeant to be taught how to do it together.

SWEDENBORG.

A SPIRITUAL AND SCIENTIFIC SEER.

The Swedish Minister presided at a lecture on "The Philosophy and Theology of Swedenborg" by the Rev. Charles A. Hall, president of the General Conference of the New Church, in Swedenborg Hall, Hart Street, Bloomsbury. This was the first public gathering to be held in the new official headquarters of the Swedenborg Society.

Baron Palmsterna, introducing the lecturer, said he had been deeply moved in passing through the rooms of that beautiful hall to note with what care everything that helped to furnish an image of Swedenborg was collected and preserved. He only wished that his own countrymen displayed the same veneration for the memory of that very great man.

Mr. Hall mentioned that Swedenborg spent the later years of his life, and published many of his works,

the Swedenborg Society), Duchess of Hamilton, Major Uggla (Swedish Military Attaché), Baron and Baroness Beck Freids, Sir John Burnet, Mr. E. Brayley Hodgkiss, Professor V. N. Poyetsev, Mons. and Madame Dormer, Consul General E. G. Sahlin, Sir Campbell Rhodes, Mr. Patrick Braybrooke, Sir Lawrence and Lady Weaver, Sir D. Plunket Barton, Professor J. C. Robertson (University of London), Sir Henry and Lady Penton, Miss Kate Simmons, Rev. J. R. Presland (secretary), and Mr. E. H. Bayley.

HOME STAGE NOTES.

"Madie," a musical comedy from Vienna, is likely to be staged in London this spring by Philip Ridge-way. The music is by Robert Stolz, the lyrics by Reginald Arkell and Theodore Komisarjevsky.

Anster's "Vice Versa" is to be revived in London.

Miss Italia Conti's company has undertaken a four weeks' matinee season of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Winter Garden Theatre, London.

"JAZZ IS DEAD."

"Syncopated jazz" is dead. All new jazz tunes will be based on melodies similar to those of 1911," says Mr. Herman Darewski, the composer and music publisher.



Albert Bernard, noted French artist, who has been recently elected to fill Pierre Loti's seat in the French Academy. Monsieur Bernard is shown putting the finishing touches on the well-known canvas "Eight o'Clock Tea."

in London, where a movement was now on foot to erect a suitable monument to his memory. Swedenborg had a universal genius, and in the course of his life ran the gamut of poetry, literature, and music, and practically every branch of science known to his day. He anticipated the submarine, invented a magazine gun on the lines of the modern Maxim, and designed an airship. Perhaps his greatest claim on modern recognition was his anticipation of the nebular hypothesis. When Swedenborg was 66 he experienced a "revelation," which led him henceforth to claim to be in converse with the spiritual realm.

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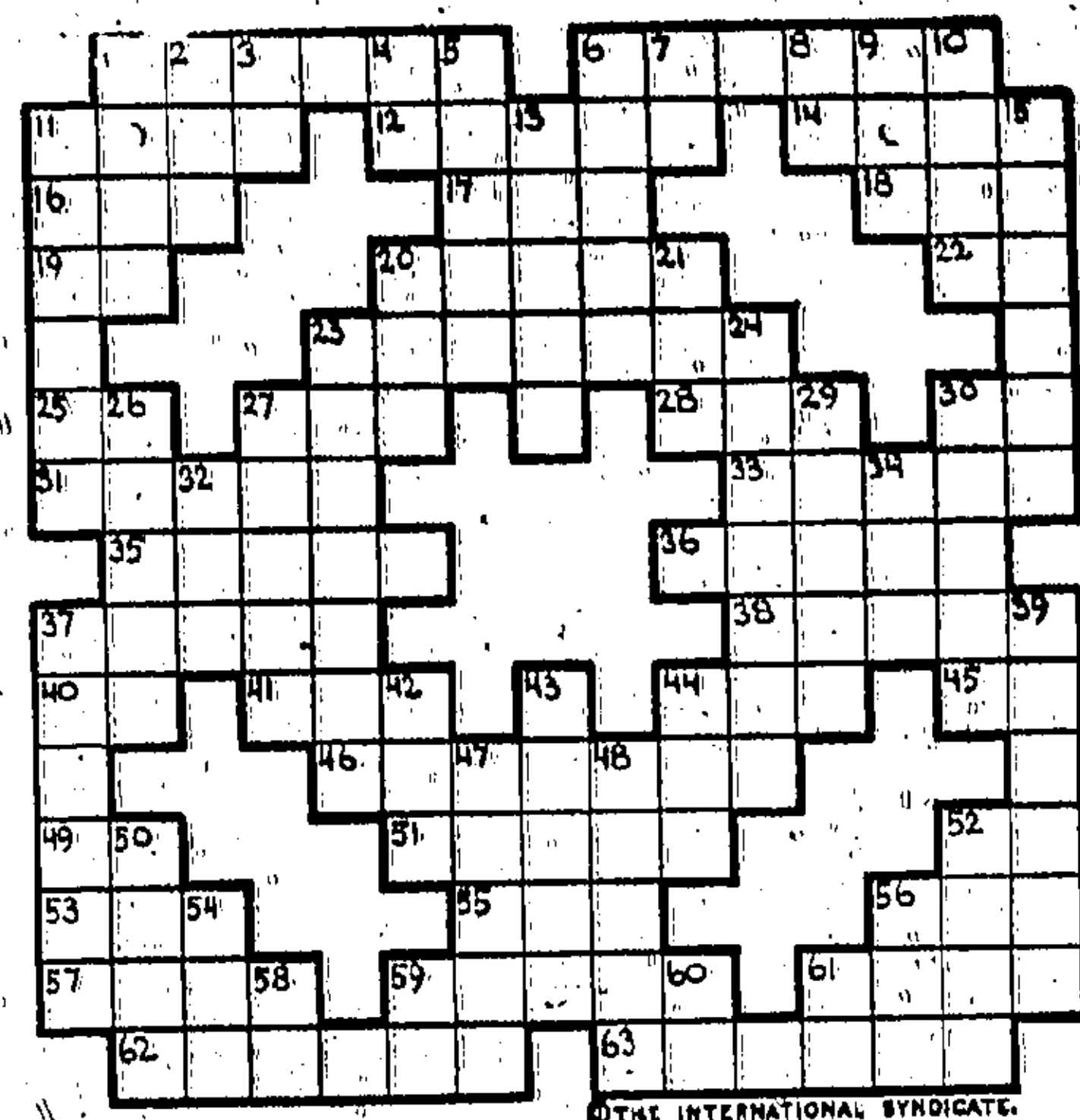
The Columbia Graphophone Company has issued a souvenir copy of a record of the speech made by Sir Dudley de Chair, the Governor of New South Wales, when he opened the company's new factory at Homebush—an establishment which is claimed, by the way, to be the most complete recording process factory in Australia. The record is certainly interesting in its novelty. The interruptions which punctuated his Excellency's speech (which is reproduced with exemplary clearness) are delightful, notably the great applause on occasions, which has created a sound effect reminiscent of a heavy hailstorm on a tin roof. The record was not made for commercial purposes, and it was produced under very many difficulties. "The small noises which are heard in the reproduction of the speech are due to the tinkling of glasses and the rattle of crockery, knives and forks, etc."

A hitherto unpublished play by Mr. Thomas Hardy, entitled "The Three Wayfarers," was included in the Wessex wireless programme from Bournemouth.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, President of the Board of Film Censors, has notified the trade that in future representations of organised knuckle fights will be prohibited.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, ploie, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL |
| 1-Affecting the face | 48-S. State of U. S. | 11-Lasso |
| 2-Register | (abbr.) | 12-Ceremonious acts |
| 3-Asian lemur | 49-Exile | 13-A kind of window |
| 4-Provender | 51-Infect | 20-Manuscripts (abbr.) |
| 5-Before | 52-Measure of capacity (abbr.) | 21-A sail boat (abbr.) |
| 6-Cant | 53-Raw metal | 22-Zealot |
| 7-Interjection | 54-Block | 24-Accrual of sound |
| 8-Negative | 55-Everything | 26-Domesticates |
| 9-Deaf people | 56-Italian coin (pl.) | 27-Listens to |
| 10-Railroad (abbr.) | 57-Pass inward | 28-Web-footed bird |
| 11-Perfume | 58-Border on | 30-Festivals |
| 12-Part of Bible | 59-Merciful | 32-Sty |
| (abbr.) | | 34-Drunkard |
| 13-Possesses | | 37-Frick |
| 14-Embrace | | 38-Mystical |
| 15-Iron (chem. sym.) | | 42-Moist |
| 16-Small candle | | 43-Tilted up |
| 17-Puzzling question | | 44-Frequent (poet.) |
| 18-Wealth | | 47-Holy man |
| 19-Propel with sudden force | | 48-Small bay |
| 20-Art illustrative of common life | | 49-A Great Lake |
| 21-Combining form | | 52-Make obscure |
| Bone | | 54-Mistake |
| 22-Because | | 56-Familiar name of a war president |
| 23-Point of compass | | 58-Suffix to form comparative degree |
| (abbr.) | | 59-Prefix to musical |
| | | 60-Plunder |

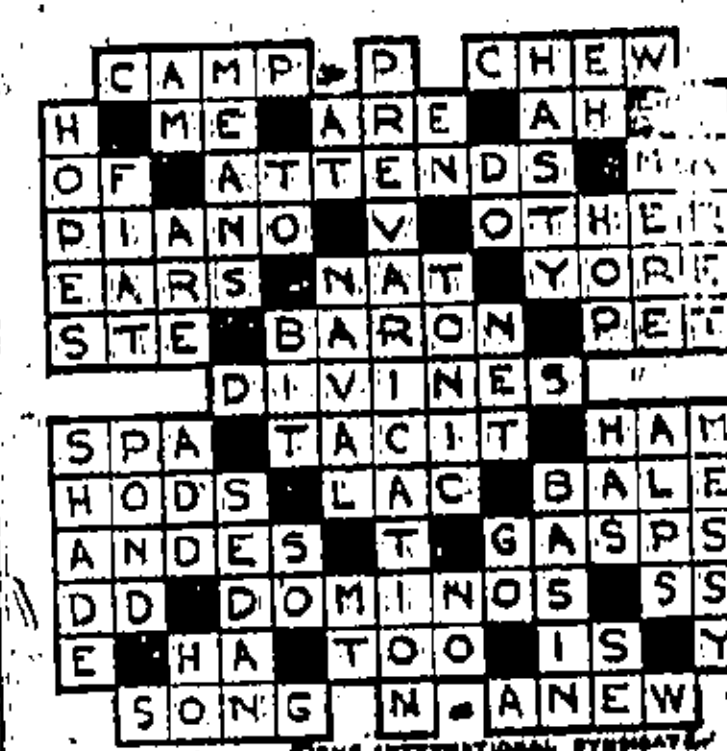
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

PLAY WITH THREE ACTORS.

London, Jan. 5.
Mr. Harry Tighe's play, entitled "Open Spaces," which is being produced at the Queen's Theatre, is regarded as remarkable since only three actors take part in the four acts. The setting of the play is in Australia.

Lord Berners, who wrote the music of "The Triumph of Neptune," the British ballet produced by the Russian Ballet during its recent season in London, has written the "Spider and the Fly" dance for the Lyceum Theatre's pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty."

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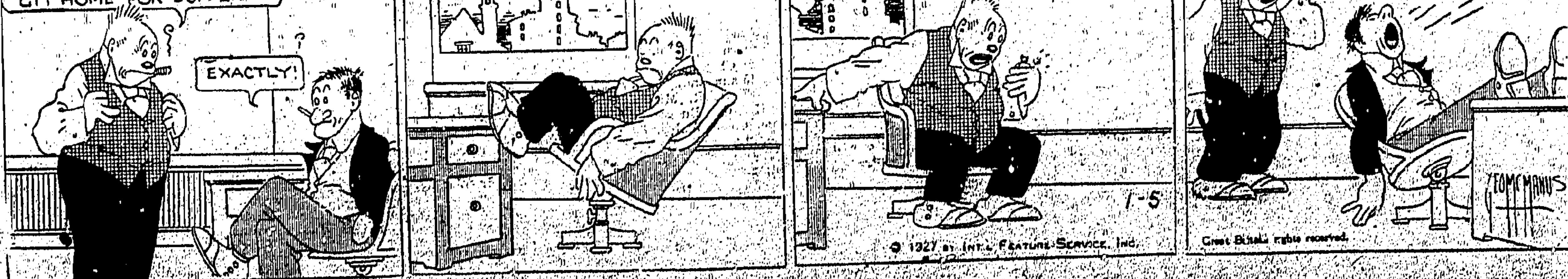
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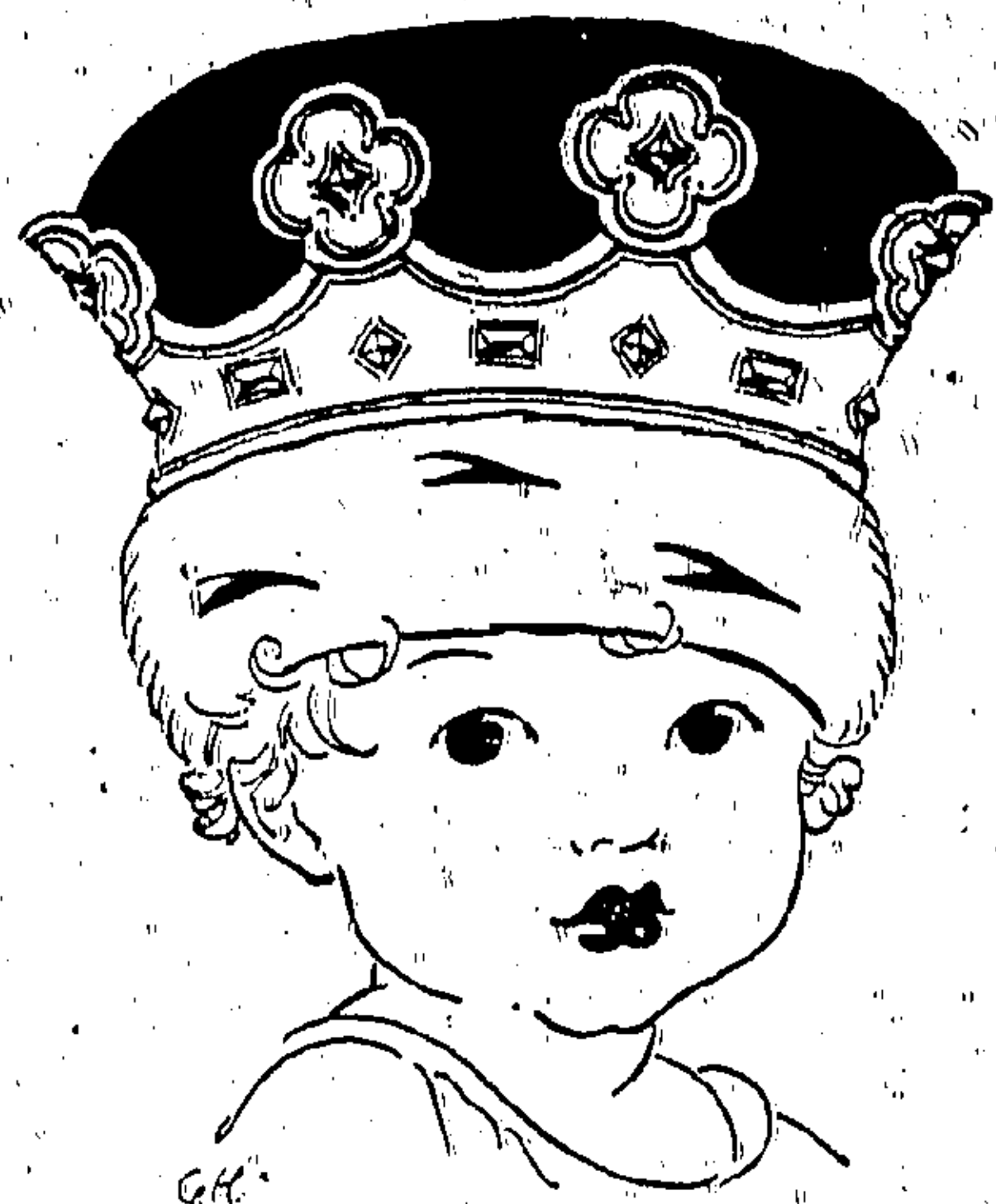
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Increases in railway goods rates came into operation on Feb. 1.

Estate of the value of \$189,164 was left by Mr. George Lloyd Wigg, Merstham, Surrey.

A woman and six children have lost their lives as the result of being cut off by a fire in the lower part of a house at Birmingham.

A gift of \$104,000 has been made to St. Thomas's Hospital by Mr. W. R. Morris, the motor manufacturer, of Cowley and Oxford.

An appeal by Mr. Earl Carroll against the sentence of one year in a penitentiary for perjury in connection with the "bath tub" case was dismissed by the Court of Appeals.

American commercial aircraft, which have hitherto been free from State control, have now to comply with regulations very similar to those in practice in Great Britain.

Since the announcement of the reduction of the building subsidy, the price of houses without a parlour has dropped by \$31. For a house with a parlour there has been a fall of \$20.

Captain Gee, V.C., M.P. for the Bosworth Division, has decided to settle in Australia. Brigadier-General E. L. Spears is expected to be selected as Unionist candidate in the by-election.

Surpluses amounting to \$42,000,000 have been disclosed by the second valuations of the assets and liabilities of approved societies. Of the total \$26,000,000 was earned since the first valuation.

Prebendary Carlile, founder and "chief" of the Church Army, who celebrated his 80th birthday in mail week, observed in an interview that in his opinion the morals of London were infinitely better than they were fifty years ago.

At least 15,000 out of the 30,000 American Legionnaires who are to attend the annual convention in Paris in September are expected to spend a few days in Britain. Mr. H. Brownlee, commander of the American Legion in the British Isles, states.

Fatal cases of influenza were four times as numerous in London in mail week as in the previous week. In other towns and cities of England and Wales the rate was doubled. Persons whose ages range from 25 to 45 have proved to be comparatively exempt from the outbreak.

A resolution advocating a resolute opposition to the scheme of union with the Methodists, which was considered "unsatisfactory and unworkable," was carried unanimously at a meeting of delegates from Wesleyan Methodist circuits in London and the provinces.

Commending Police-constable Leslie George Lyddon, who dived into the Thames near Waterloo Bridge to rescue a man who was found to be dead, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster coroner, said that he would recommend Lyddon to the Carnegie Hero Trust Fund.

Strike pay and unemployment pay have cost the National Union of Railwaymen \$1,750,000 during the year. Accident, disablement, and other funds, the "Railway Review," the organ of the National Union of Railwaymen, states, have been mortgaged to the amount of \$1,000,000.

With the enforcement of three army bills which the French Government is introducing, there is no reason, M. Painlevé states, why one year's service should not be instituted. In May, 1928, it will be possible, he hopes, to liberate after a year's service two-thirds of the 1928 class.

From different parts of Mexico, it is reported, news concerning risings, shootings, and hangings continues to be received. According to a Government statement the rebels are acting under specific instructions from the Episcopate. Orders have been issued that priests found guilty of inciting to rebellion are to be punished energetically.

The 42nd Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, has been absorbed by the 32nd Heavy Battery, and officers and men rendered surplus will be posted to other units.

A new mine, which is being sunk at Seaham Harbour at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000 is expected, when fully developed, to produce 1,000,000 tons of coal a year and to give work to 8,000 men.

Rear-Admiral Cyril S. Townsend, who was head of the late Naval Mission to Greece, has been appointed Rear-Admiral in Charge, Gibraltar, and Admiral Superintendent of Gibraltar Dockyard. He will take over the command in April.

Mr. A. J. Cook states that he can see trouble ahead in the coalfields, where, he says, a very serious situation has been caused by victimisation. On the other hand, a representative of the colliery owners, who points out that it is Mr. Cook's unfortunate habit to "see trouble ahead," declares that, generally speaking, the industry is steadily returning to normal conditions.

Sir Felix Pole, general manager of the Great Western Railway, informed the members of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce that an increase of railway rates was coming, although it would be made with the utmost regret by the companies. It was, unfortunately, too clear that the optimism which brought about the last reduction, from 60 per cent. to 50 per cent. in August, 1923, was not justified.

Claims on behalf of 140,000 Post Office workers for increases of wages amounting to \$6,000,000 a year, were brought before the Civil Service Industrial Court. Mr. J. W. Bowen (general secretary, Union of Post Office Workers) declared that not only the bulk of the lowest-paid classes, but also a substantial proportion of the higher-paid grades, were below the Rowntree (Human Needs) Standard of Living, which, he said, would barely keep body and soul together.

Lord Blyth, who is 58, was married at St. George's Register Office, Princesrow, Westminster, to Mrs. Sylvia Mary Cole, the only daughter of Mrs. Dennis and of the late Mr. Edwin Dennis.

Lord Eustace Percy, President of the Board of Education, protested in his presidential address to the North of England Education Conference against political propaganda being conducted, directly or indirectly, among children. To honest men and women of every party he appealed not to exploit the children, even in the interest of causes in which they passionately believed.

It is fully anticipated that Lord Rhinaburgh's Committee on the Working of the Unemployment Insurance Scheme will recommend a change in the terms for youths. Representations were made that the full rate should not be payable until the age of 21 instead of 18 as at present. Recommendations will be made for the prevention of some of the abuses of which complaint has been made.

A majority of the Colwyn Committee on the National Debt recommends the adoption of a more vigorous scheme of debt conversion. Labour representatives, who form the minority, suggest that the death duties should be remodelled, and that for a number of years a special tax for debt reduction should be levied on large incomes. A more or less direct acknowledgment that the Capital Levy is no longer a practicable proposition is expected to be a feature of the minority report.

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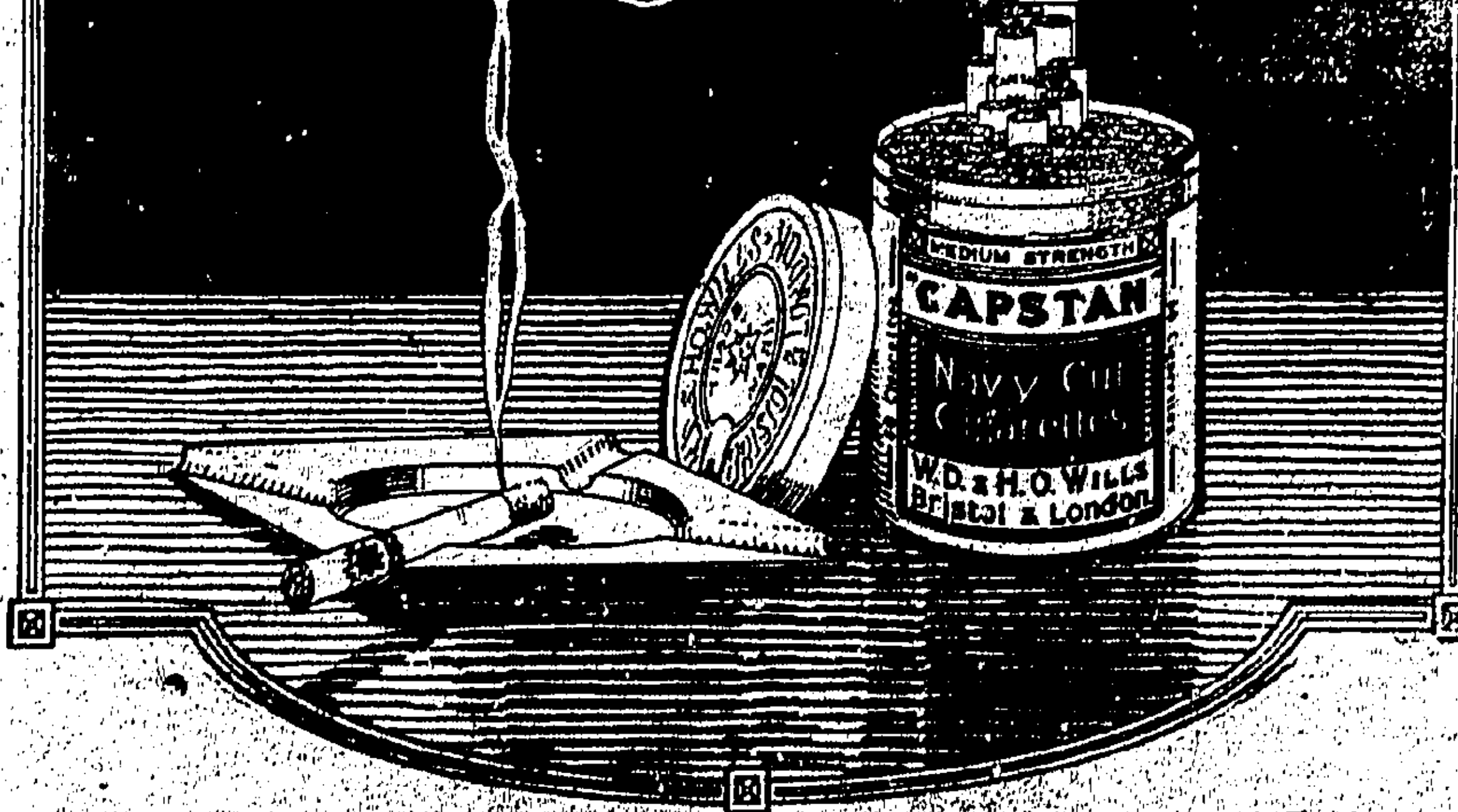
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The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, by whom she was given away, looked charming in a dress of white satin champagne with overdress of white georgette embroidered and beaded with silver beads, train of white satin and beaded georgette, elusive veil and coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white roses and sweet peas.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Annie Tolan and Miss Patricia Parker, wore pretty dresses of pale pink satin and georgette trimmed with silver lace, silver shoes and wreaths of silver leaves. Their bouquets were of pale pink sweet peas.

The bride's mother was attired in a wine-colored georgette dress beaded with steel beads over grey satin with hat and shoes to match. Mr. F. G. Samways was best man. The service was fully choral and the hymns sung were "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O, Perfect Love."

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